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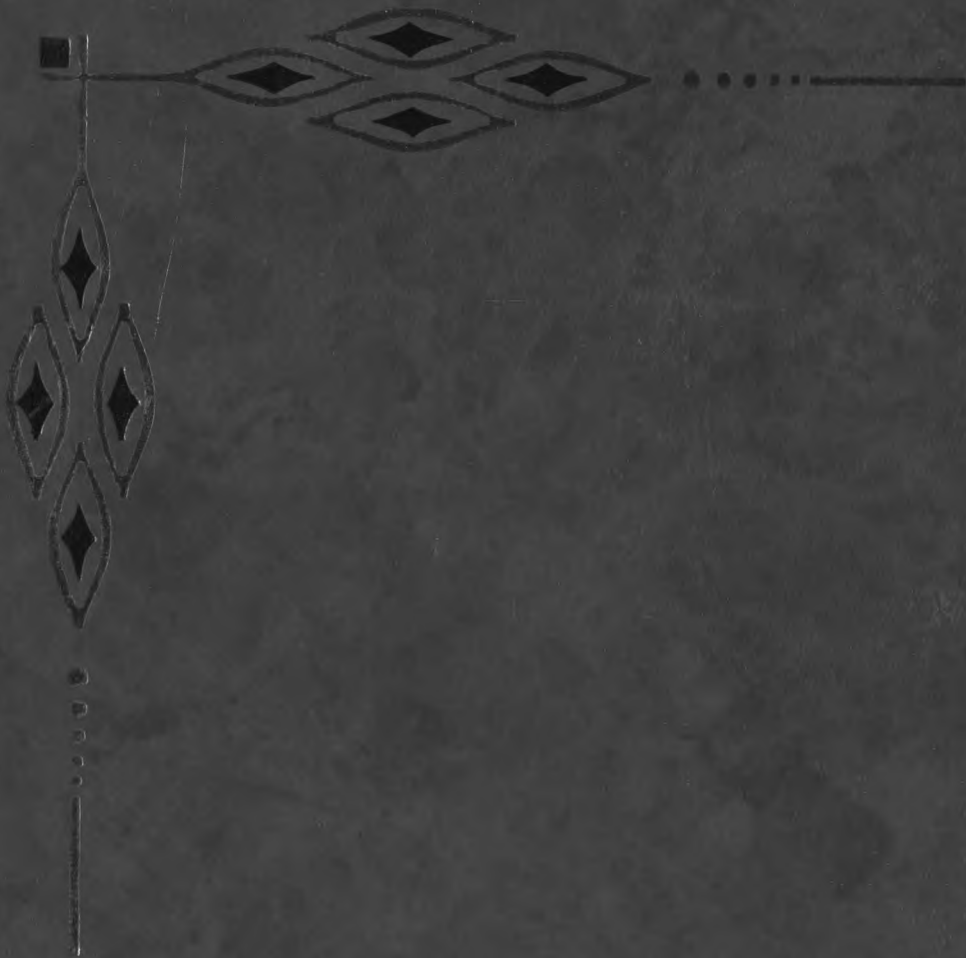
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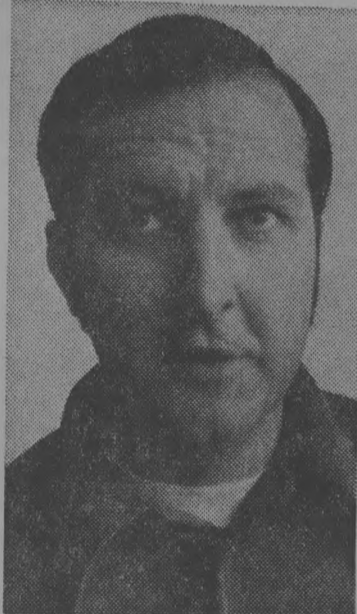
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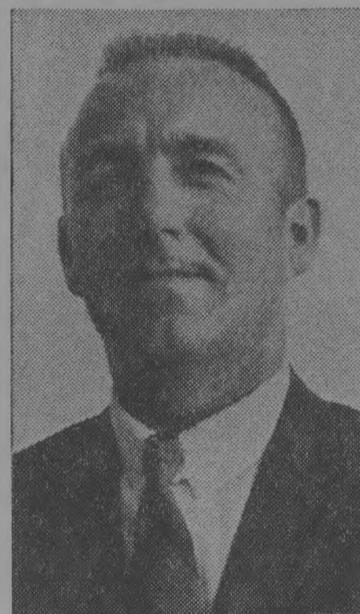
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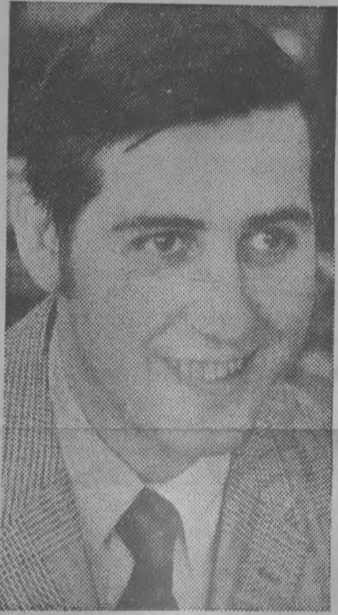
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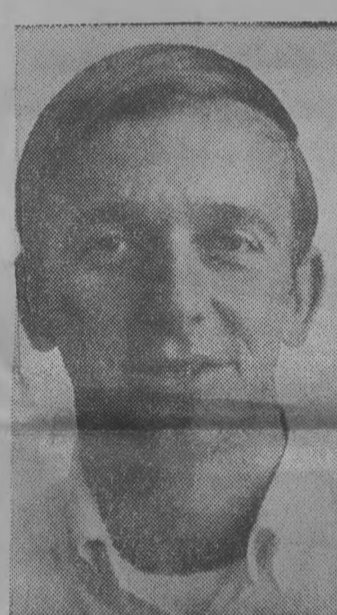
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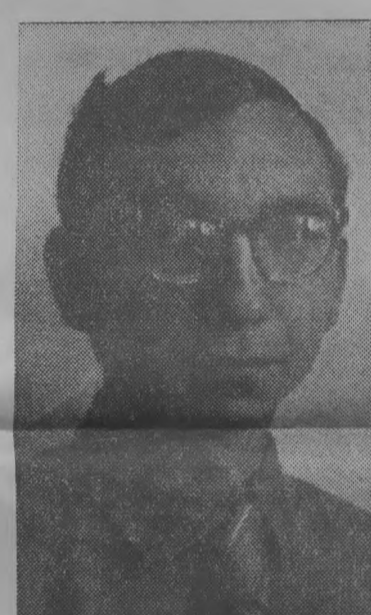
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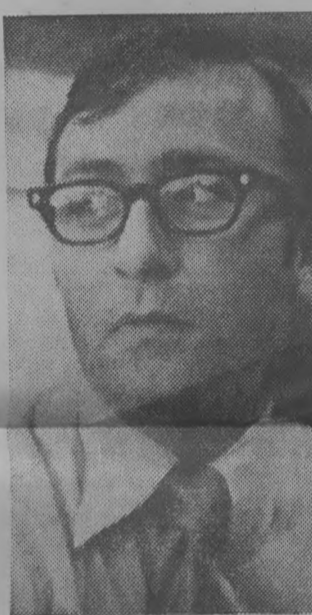
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Valdosta Daily Times



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VHS D.E. Coordinator

D.E. Relates to Students Needs

The DE cooperative program consists of classroom instruction in the morning and on the job training in carefully selected distributive businesses in the afternoon. This afternoon laboratory part of the program, supervised by the employer and the coordinator, gives the student an opportunity to put into practice the related instruction received in the morning session. Furthermore the student actually experiences the activities involved in the career area he has expressed an interest in entering after graduation.

This is the twenty-fourth year of Distributive Education at Valdosta High School. Throughout these years we have seen the program develop from a class size of 12 to as many as 75 students per year. Of the approximately 1,000 students who came through the program a very large percentage attributes their success directly to the education and guidance they received, both in the classroom and the downtown business laboratory, while in the DE program. There are innumerable success stories

from this group of DE alumni. Students in business for themselves, company vice presidents, professional sales people, managers and educators, the list goes on and on.

Each year, as more and more emphasis is put on vocational guidance, vocational educational and career development, we find new legislation is enacted to establish and develop these programs. The state departments of education, who implement the guidelines of this legislation stress the importance of designing classroom and on-the-job instruction so that the student receives the training that is needed in helping him find a career or interest that relates to his needs and desires.

Certainly the people on this page, successful DE Alumni, reflect the efforts and the success of the vocational education program. Our alumni are testimonials to the fact that Vocational Education is good for students and is paying dividends in the form of successful young people who find a career that is to their liking.

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Lowndes Thumps Valdosta Twice

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Lowndes' Vikings and Vikettes both moved out front during the early going then went on from there to basketball victories over the Valdosta Wildcats and Kittens here Saturday night.

A crowd of approximately 2,000 was on hand to see the first of two meetings this season between the cross-city hoop rivals from Region 1-AAA and Lowndes' fans definitely had the most to cheer about.

In the boys game coach Charles Cooper's home-standing Vikes trimmed coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats, 75-61. In the girls contest coach Steve Keber's Vikettes turned back coach Joe Mercer's Kittens, 76-25.

Both Lowndes teams now have 6-2 records. The loss was the first for the 'Cats after a pair of wins, and the defeat left the Kittens with a 1-2 chart.

In the boys affair Valdosta finished with a 12-10 lead at the end of the first period. But in the second stanza Lowndes put its fast-break attack in high gear, poured in 29 points during the period and went out at the half with a 39-29 edge.

The Vikes increased their bulge to as much as 21 points in the third stanza and Valdosta couldn't make up all the lost ground after that.

Packing the LHS attack was the foursome of Earnest Carter, 21; John McCormick, 20; Keyin Wetherington, 17, and Mason Barfield, 10. Keith Humphrey, Paul Dubose and Mike

Miller also played major roles in the triumph.

The game's top individual scorer was Valdosta's Stanford Rome, who pumped in 29 points and got almost that many rebounds. He, however, was the only player in double figures for the 'Cats.

In the girls game Lowndes jumped off to an early six-point lead, increased its bulge to 11 markers in the second stanza and then held firmly to the advance from there to the finish of the contest.

Scoring leaders for the Vikettes were Patti Downing, 16, and Lou Lumley, 10. Others making major contributions to the cause were Marcia NeSmith, Deborah Dickson, Linda Mathis, Lynn Wisenbaker, Joann Christy, Deborah Ard and Susan Wetherington.

Sharon Flanders tallied 10 points to become the scoring leader for the Kittens.

GIRLS	
Lowndes	9 17 27 36
Valdosta	3 9 19 25
LOWNDES (36)	NeSmith 2, Downing 16, Lumley 10, Dickson 7, Mathis, Wisenbaker, Christy, Ard, Cooper, Jackson 1, Wetherington.
Team totals:	field goals 12, free throws 12 of 22, fouls 18.
VALDOSTA (25)	Flanders 10, Robinson 2, Folsom 3, Knight 6, Durden, Barker, Anderson, Smith, Hoyle, Thomas 4, Nelson.
Team totals:	field goals 8, free throws 9 of 17, fouls 18.
BOYS	
Lowndes	10 39 60 75
Valdosta	12 29 39 61
LOWNDES (75)	Barfield 10, Carter 21, Humphrey 4, McCormick 20, Wetherington 17, Dubose, Miller, Griffin, Miley, Sellers, Hendrix, Nickell.
Team totals:	field goals 25, free throws 25 of 37, fouls 16.
VALDOSTA (61)	Rome 29, Rowe 5, Peterson 1, Fluit 6, Graham 6, Bounds 4, Demersseman 2, Rountree 8, Smith.
Team totals:	field goals 27, free throws 7 of 21, fouls 20.

Valdosta High School Club One Of Tops In The Nation

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta High School DE Club is recognized as being one of the most outstanding chapters in Georgia as well as being considered one of the top chapters in the Nation.

In its 24 years' existence, the club has had more state and national contest winners than any other chapter in Georgia. It has supplied more state officers than any chapter as well as being the only chapter to supply two national officers.

In 1960 the DE club won "National Chapter of the Year" and has placed in the top ten several times.

In the past seventeen years the Valdosta Chapter has won "The Chapter of the Year" in Georgia 13 times. This is the highest honor a chapter can receive.

Norman Greene, DE coordinator, attributes the success of the club to the dedication and sincerity of the students and the support of the business community.

Valdosta Winner Over Bainbridge

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

BAINBRIDGE — Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens showed Bainbridge there's only room for one breed of 'Cats in Region 1-AAA as they downed the Bearcats and Kittens in both ends of a high school basketball twin-bill here Friday night.

The undefeated Wildcats zoomed past the Bearcats, 61-50, while the visiting Kittens trounced the homestanding Kittens, 46-36.

Stanford Rome led the way for the Wildcats, coached by Joe Wilson, with a total of 27 points and 12 rebounds. Stanley Bounds scored another 10 points, while Bob Graham tied Rome with 12 rebounds and added five points.

The Wildcat defense, keying on James Love, held the third leading scorer in the region to just two field goals in the first half. He wound up with a total of 14 points for the night. Willie King was the high-point man for Bainbridge with 17.

With the victory the 'Cats boosted their record to 2-0 overall and in league standings. In the two games, Rome has now averaged 26.5 points.

In the girls game coach Joe Mercer's Valdosta Kittens chalked up their first win of the sea-

son by jumping ahead of the Bainbridge girls and staying there.

Ruby Knight, a 5-4 sophomore, turned in her finest effort with 19 points to pace the Kittens, while Sharon Flanders and Elaine Robinson added 11 and 10 points.

Mercer credited Mickie Folsom, who also scored seven points, Mala Barker and Polly Durden with the defensive work that made the difference.

Pam Long was the top player for the Bainbridge girls with a total of 28 points.

The victory leveled the Valdosta sextet's records of at 1-1 each.

Valdosta takes on cross-town rival Lowndes in another Region twin-bill tonight beginning at 7 p.m. in the Lowndes gym.

GIRLS	
Valdosta	12 25 33 46
Bainbridge	8 20 27 36
VALDOSTA (46)	Flanders 11, Robinson 10, Knight 18, Folsom 7, Barker, Den, Smi, Hoyle.
Team totals:	field goals 17, free throws 12 of 21, fouls 11.
BAINBRIDGE (36)	Pam Long, 28, Sims 2, McCall 5, Smiley 1, Johnson, Burton, Sanders.
Team totals:	field goals 13, free throws 9 of 16, fouls 10.
BOYS	
Valdosta	17 31 48 61
Bainbridge	8 16 34 50
VALDOSTA (61)	Peterson 8, Rome 27, Bounds 10, Fluit 4, Demersseman, Rowe 4, Rountree 3, Graham 5.
Team totals:	field goals 28, free throws 5 of 14, fouls 11.
BAINBRIDGE (50)	Love 14, Goss J King 17, Wells, Thomas 3, Howard 13.
Team totals:	field goals 27, free throws 7 of 14, fouls 12.

"We finally broke their press," Wilson said. "We finally got our offense organized... and Stanford Rome's 28 rebounds didn't hurt either."

Rome had more than enough rebounds to count with his 27 points and Bob Grantham's effort turned in 18 points and 15 rebounds for the 'Cats. George Rountree added 13 points as Valdosta chalked up its fourth victory against one loss.

Kevin Wetherington brought home 27 points for the second-seeded Vikings, who dropped out with a 7-3 mark.

Boys

Valdosta 74, Lowndes 60

This rematch of an earlier game which the Vikes won 75-61, was billed as and turned out to be the most exciting of the night with the score either changing hands or being tied a dozen times.

Coach Joe Wilson's young but talented Wildcats didn't take the lead for good until the last five seconds of the third quarter when Stanford Rome broke a 50-50 tie with a free throw.

In the final stanza, the 'Cats started edging ahead of coach Charles Cooper's foul-troubled Vikings.

TD Club Plans Something Extra

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

With all the new happenings in the Valdosta High athletic program the Touchdown Club wants to do something extra for the coaches, so they're going about it in a different way.

The VHS Wildcats this season won their 15th state football championship since coach Wright Bazemore came to Valdosta in 1940. Bazemore has given up his coaching duties after 31 years, former assistant, Charlie Greene, is now the cats head coach.

"Everyone expects us to do something extra this year, explained TD Club president Bobby Greene, "and we plan to. But that takes a little more organization and work. We're going to need some extra cash to do it with."

Usually at the end of each successful season, and there have been quite a few, TD Club members solicit funds from the public and present the coaches gifts at the final game of the season.

"But we knew Bazemore would be retiring as coach this year," Greene said, "and we didn't want to have to go out and ask the same people for donations again. So we decided to wait and pick a night when we could honor all the coaches and do it up right."

This year the club has sent out letters to businesses and persons throughout the area asking for funds. They've been working from such mailing lists as the TD Club roster, season ticket holders, former players, etc.

"We want to make sure that everyone who wants to help us gets the opportunity," said Greene. "We've been trying to screen out duplications. But working with so many lists there's bound to be some one who's asked more than once. We're trying not to let that happen."

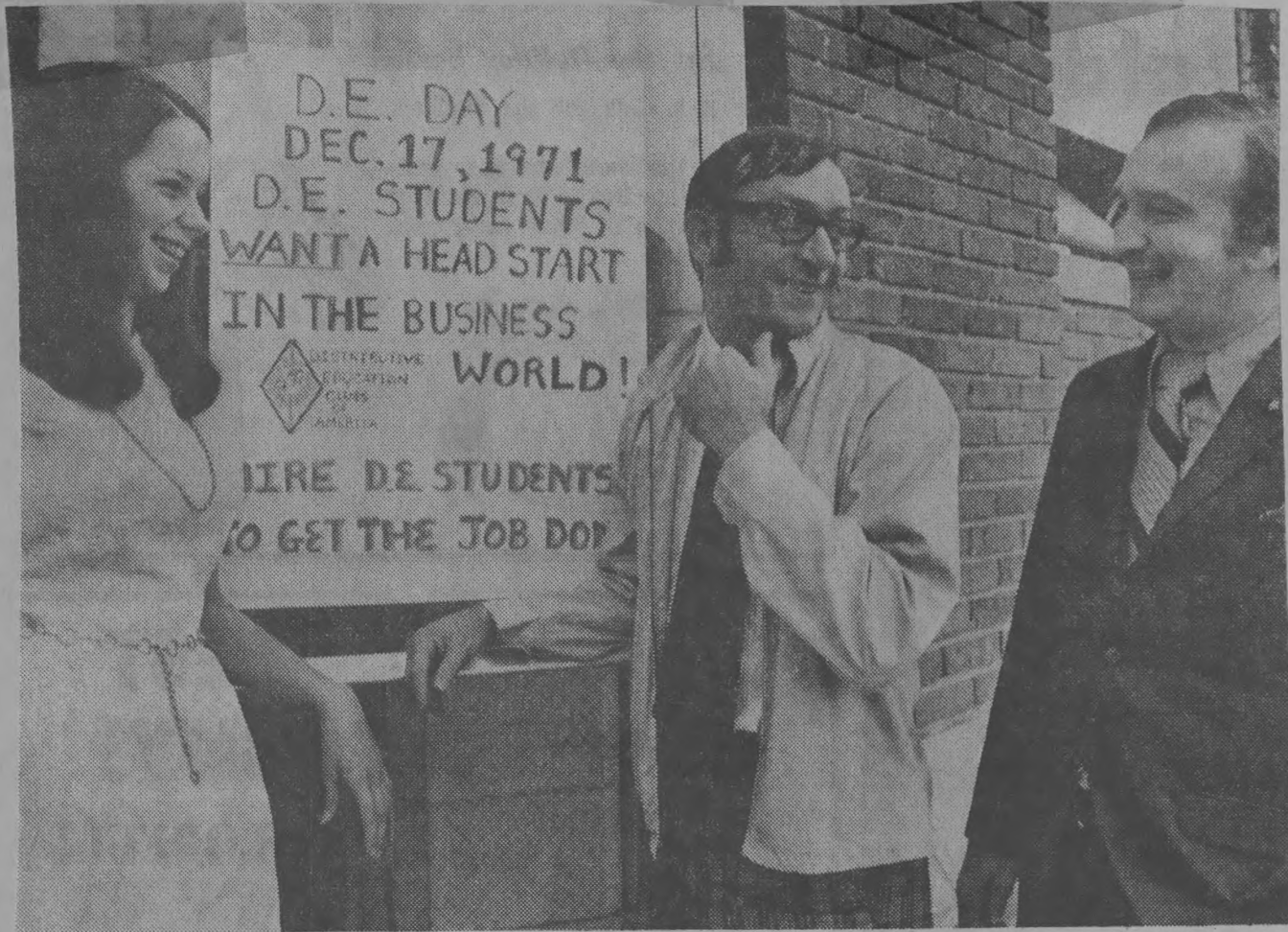
Greene said the interest has been high enough, and questions about the honor night have poured in. But he won't know what to get or when the program will be held until the money's in.

"Trouble is," he said, "this comes at a bad time, right around Christmas. But we hope to have this thing sometime in

January so we're having to ask people to help us out."

He added anyone who wishes to help can send their contribu-

tions to the Valdosta TD Club at P.O. Box 794, with checks payable to the Valdosta Coaches Fund.



—Times Staff Photo

Past and Present: 'Oldtimers' DeVane, Center, and Greene with Club Sweetheart Susan Webb
It's Record For Georgia

VHS Club Has Two National Officers

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

During the twenty-seven year history of National DECA only four national officers have been natives of Georgia. Two of the Georgians, Wink DeVane and Norman Greene, represented the Valdosta High School chapter.

Wink DeVane served as the National vice-president in charge of public relations from 1957 to 1958. He was also elected as the local DE club reporter. The experience he gained while serving in this office qualified him to become State Reporter of the Year.

"While I was in DE I learned the necessity of cooperating with other people. I also was able to appreciate the

value of the framework of an organization on the local, state, and national level. Third and foremost, I realized the importance of accepting responsibility," he said.

Devane worked as a broadcaster for radio station WJEM during his two years in DE. He is now state news editor of The Valdosta Daily Times.

Norman Greene was elected as the National Vice-President in charge of the Southern Region from 1958 to 1959. In addition to the National office, he also was the local club Vice-President and State President.

"The national office was the highest honor I ever received. It has given me an op-

portunity to develop a career that is both satisfying and rewarding," he said.

Greene was an employee of the Trailways Bus Company while in DE. He has also worked as Production Inventory Control Manager and Director of Purchasing with Frick Manufacturing Company. He is now serving as the DE Coordinator at Valdosta High.

Bill Glenn, DE coordinator from 1955 to 1968, recalls that the club saw its true beginning after DeVane and Greene were elected to their National offices.

"These two men have played a vital role in creating an active and progressive DE

club," Glenn said.

Greene and DeVane both agree that Glenn inspired them to achieve their goals in DE and was influential in their choice of vocations.

"I certainly owe any success I might have obtained in the past ten years to my involvement in the DE program and its related activities," Greene said.

Devane states, "I credit Mr. Glenn for my success because if you weren't going to accept responsibility, then you weren't in the club. Whether you wanted it or not you had responsibility on your shoulders. Mr. Glenn really gave me the incentive to face responsibility and get the most that I could out of DE."

Simpson's Back; Greene's On Top

Stanley "Ramrod" Simpson is back in deep South Georgia and Charles Greene is opening a career as head football coach at Valdosta High.

Those were the big headline grabbers this week next to the one that told of Wright Bazemore's resignation.

Simpson, who guided the Berrien County Rebels to the state AA basketball championship, has taken over as head cage mentor at Ware County High in Waycross succeeding Bill Whiddon, who moved into assistant athletic director duties.

Simpson, who kept Berrien County on the basketball map the past 10 years with 412 wins and 105 defeats in both boys and girls competition, will work with the Gator boys only.

"I enjoyed the double duty at Berrien, but it can get to a fellow after while," laughs Simpson, who accepted a Druid Hills (Atlanta) post last spring only to come down with an illness which forced him to give up the job.

However, the medics who had suggested he stay out of coaching for at least a year gave Simpson the green light last month and the guy who led the South All-Stars to victory at Macon last August feels fortunate that the Ware post came open at this time.

"It's mighty hard to latch onto a job once school starts. I'm happy to get back into coaching and the program at Ware ranks with the best," said Simpson, who is regarded one of the top fundamentalists in the business.

In his last two years at Berrien, Simpson guided the Rebelettes to the state Class AA girls championship in 1969-70 record with a 30-0 mark. Last spring he wrapped up the 1970-71 campaign with a 30-0 figure for the Rebels, and another state crown, this time in the boys ranks.

Although South Georgia coaches would rather see Simpson in the northern section, they're mighty happy to

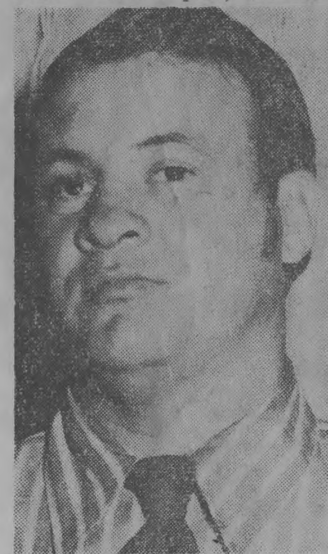


BOB PRICE

T-U Sports Writer

have him back coaching. "Ramrod is a credit to our profession and he'll see to it that the brand of basketball in south Georgia stays the best," said Valdosta's Joe Wilson.

IN TAKING over the Valdosta football post, Greene



Charles Greene

displayed much of the same coolness shown over the years by Bazemore, who was Greene's teacher and boss.

"I realize that filling this job is the greatest moment of my life. A lot of ex-Wildcats have dreamed of some day taking over for the master, but I was the fortunate one.

"I'm not Bazemore and the school board and fans know that. So, I'll never try to duplicate him except for the winning habit. I'll have to be myself and on my own.

"Of course, I'm sure, at least I hope it's true, that some of the Bazemore genius has rubbed off on me. And the program he established of course will be of great benefit."

Greene started his football days in the Valdosta Boy's Club program and was on the 1956-57 championship teams at Valdosta High.

Greene didn't get to play college football. But he never stopped studying the game during his collegiate days at Valdosta State and later at Georgia Southern, from which

he obtained his master's degree.

This actually isn't the first head coaching job for Greene. He masterminded the South's all-star team at Macon in August of 1970.

Greene also feels fortunate in the backing of Valdosta townspeople. "Most coaches can and will say football is a team effort," says Greene. "But here at VHS we can add the school, the faculty and every resident in town. This wasn't only Bazemore's team,

nor will it be mine. It's Valdosta's team and I mean every last citizen."

JOHN PAUL Picklesimer has moved his basketball coaching techniques from the Orlando, Fla. area to Brantley County, Ga., but the wily mentor is still building court talent.

Picklesimer is in the midst of a small school tournament at Brantley. The event will

finish Tuesday night with title affairs in boys and girls divisions.

Entered in the meet are boys teams from Patterson, Charlton County, Jacksonville Maranatha and Brantley County. In the girls competition there are Clinch County, Patterson, Charlton and Brantley.

Monday night's activities start at 7 with the Patterson girls taking on Clinch while Brantley's boys face Maranatha in the nightcap.

Second Year A Challenge, He's The Club President

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Randy Sutton is now in his second year as a DE student and finds it to be even more challenging because he is the president of the Valdosta High School Distributive Education Club.

Sutton, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sutton of North Toombs Street, is employed at Conoly Furniture Company. Randy serves on the Inter-Club Council and is active in many of the clubs at Valdosta High School and is working on a Market Research project to enter into state competition.

Other officers serving with Sutton for the 1970-71 school year are: Ann Watson, Vice-President; Debbie Johnston, Secretary - Treasurer; Bobby Montague, Parliamentarian; Joyce Webb, Historian; Ron Butler, Reporter; Carol Reddick, Chaplain; Jay Taylor, Sgt. at Arms; and Susan Webb, Club Sweetheart.

Divisional vice-presidents



RANDY SUTTON
Doing Research

are: Brenda Webb — Division 1; Sherri Teffeteller — Division 11; Beverly Underwood — Division 111, and Sammie Kent — Division IV.

Three Wildcats Have 'Signed'

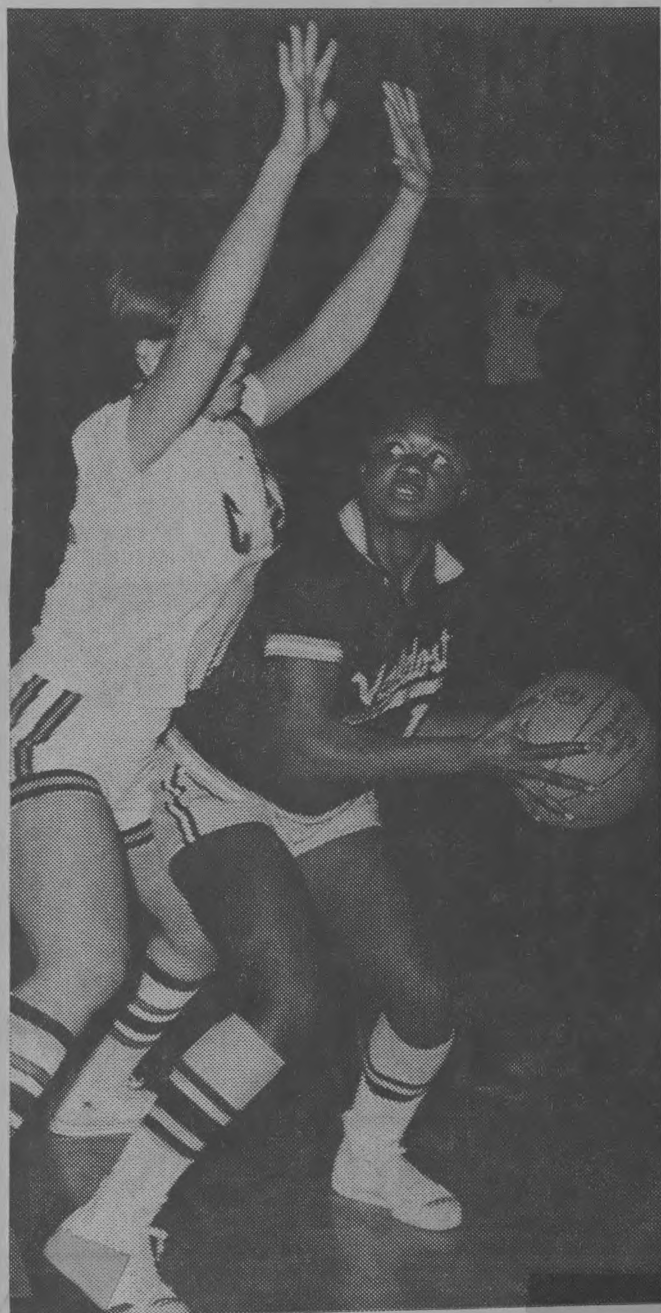
BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Quarterback Stanley Bounds became the third member of the 1971 Valdosta Wildcat team to "sign" a football grant-in-aid with a major University here Thursday night.

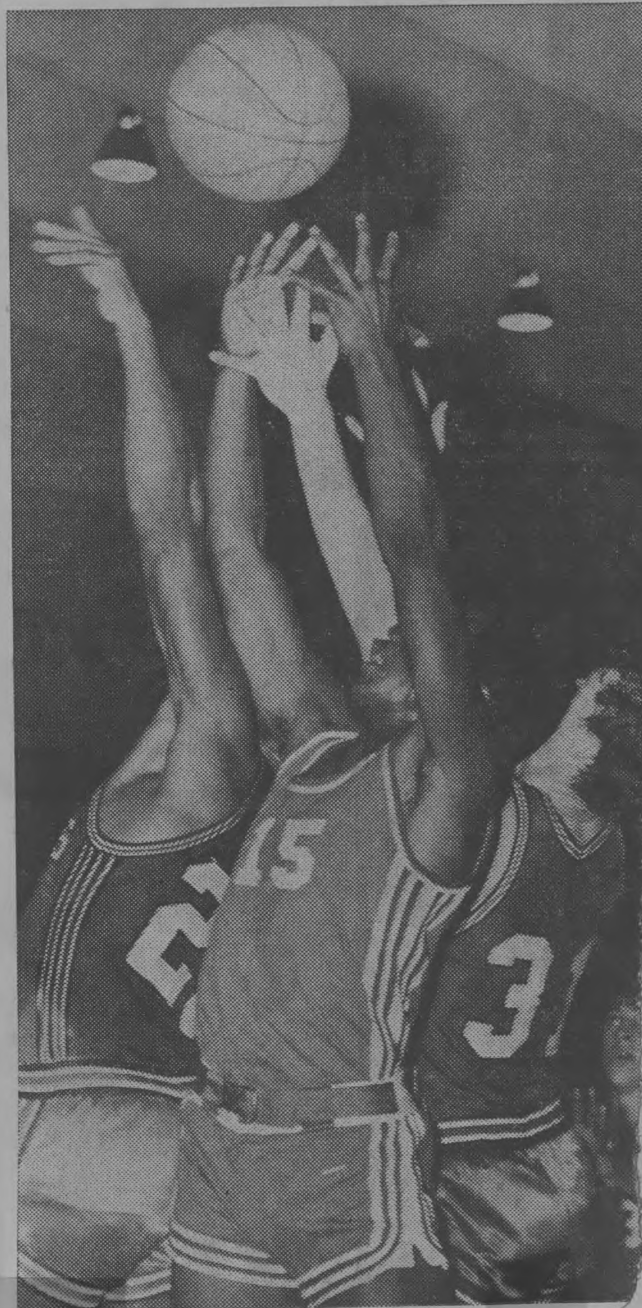
Bounds signed, as previously announced, with the University of Mississippi after the much-sought quarterback had narrowed the choice down to four schools, Tennessee, Florida State, Georgia Tech, and Ole' Miss.

Linemen Steve Stanaland and Paul Demersseman had already signed. Demersseman is going with the University of Georgia and Stanaland signed with Auburn.

Tourney Competition Tightens



Eloise Palmer Blocks Kitten Ruby Knight



Rebs' Keith Powell (15) Fights 'Cats For Reb

Boys

Valdosta 78, Brooks 58

First Stanford Rome started scoring like wild, and then the whole Valdosta team followed suit. And before long the 'Cats had a bigger lead than even head coach Joe Wilson had called for.

The 'Cats zoomed to a 10-0 lead over the Trojans from Quitman, and then eased up on defense and began racking up the points.

"I didn't want to beat them that bad," Wilson said. "But everything we threw up there scored."

For the night, Rome totaled 23 points, with 19 coming in the first half. The win left the Wildcats with a 3-1 mark.

Calvin Hunter scored 19 for Coach Billy Ellis' Trojans, followed by Mike Griner and Jim Mitchell with 14 and 13 points respectively as they suffered their fifth loss against as many wins.

* VALDOSTA'S WRIGHT BAZEMORE

After 31 Years, the Legend Lives On

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There are no noticeable racial tensions in Valdosta, and many attribute this condition to Bazemore's welding together of the two races during desegregation. Herbert Ross, who played his senior year under Bazemore in 1941, Baze's first as head coach, said, "He is the greatest individual I have ever known. Not only as a coach, but as a human being."

"Bazemore puts the interest of the young men who play for him above football. He is a great gentleman."

"When Bazemore appears in front of the student body at a pep rally," Mimms added, "the entire group, to a student, stands and it isn't only because of his winning team. They stand out of respect for the man."

GILES SMITH, one of the greatest Valdosta running backs ever who played on one of two groups which went unbeaten for three straight seasons, has a commonly shared idea to the secret of Bazemore's success.

"He had deep respect for every team we played," Smith said. "If we were playing the worst team in the world, early in the week he would make us believe it was capable of beating us. He'd never let us get overconfident. He is a great psychologist."

Another cog in Bazemore's wheels of reasons for success is the 750-member Valdosta Touchdown Club. It spends more than \$8,000 per year on such things as underwriting a two-week pre-season camp (\$4,000), the football banquet (\$1,500), supplement the meals of football players at school, etc.

In addition, Bazemore has been handsomely rewarded for his services by the TD Club. For instance, Bazemore hasn't had to buy a car since before World War II. About every two years, he receives a new one, some of which the club takes and trades in on new ones, others he keeps.

The club has given Bazemore a boat — motor and camper, a color television, etc., etc. The assistant coaches (and band director)

get a \$500 check from the club after each season.

IN A RESTAURANT Wednesday night, the owner's wife approached Bazemore's table and told him the tab was on the house. And it's like that when he goes to buy steaks for a cookout, to the dentist, to the doctor, to have his car repaired, to buy a suit of clothes, or whatever.

"It doesn't cost him a whole lot to live in Valdosta," said one TD Club member.

When Bazemore was asked what he thought he would receive as a gift (the question usually was proposed before a big game), Bazemore's stock reply was, "probably a wheelbarrow and a one-way ticket out of town."

After his resignation, at the Tuesday night final TD Club meeting, sure enough, he was presented with a wheelbarrow with bold letters, "One-Way—Out of Town."

THERE ARE other tales about Bazemore, and Earl Mayo, a local rent-all store proprietor and the press box operator, can talk about them for hours.

There was the time Valdosta was leading Tifton High (With Pig Davis as coach) 13-6 and Valdosta with first and goal at the Tifton two late in the game. After four cracks at the Tifton line, Valdosta wound up back on the 17-yard line.

After the game, Davis congratulated Bazemore. "I should congratulate you," Bazemore replied, "for that goal line stand. What kind of defense was that, anyway?"

"I call it a 7-4 3-2 defense," Davis said. Without being caught, Davis had sent in three substitutions for every one coming off the field until he had 15 or so players on defense before it was over.

In 1947 at Jesup High, which had a ferocious defensive tackle, Pilly Grant was quarterback. Valdosta. Bazemore ran an up-the-middle called a play and Bazemore middle play. play around ment in an play.

his pursuers on one TD run, he slowed down in front of the Valdosta bench and yelled to Bazemore, "There's really nothing to this, coach."

Later that season, in the playoffs, Valdosta beat Tifton 14-7. Lipsey was stopped cold.

WHEN GILES SMITH was a senior, Bazemore once sent an entire group of starters (including seven who signed with Tech that year) to the sidelines for a whole practice session and made them rehearse signing grants-in-aid. He never had any problems with cockiness after that.

Valdosta practices on Thursday are always non-contact, but always in full gear. On one Thursday long ago, a Valdosta team with a long winning streak came out — some with equipment, others without. Bazemore scrimmaged them for two hours, the players using what equipment they had on. "We never had any trouble with players not coming out in full pads like they're supposed to for 10 years after that," Bazemore recalls.

Bazemore has been accused of recruiting players. "I've never had a player move to Valdosta and help me that same year," he said. "I've had some to move in the

eighth or ninth grade and help me later, after they had played here a year or two. And I might as, I've only had eight to 10 to move away all the time I've been here."

Valdosta practices are usually long scrimmage sessions. "When we throw a pass in a game," Bazemore said, "we have to have that pass at least 1,000 times during practice that week. And that's no exaggeration."

THE ROGUEST language Bazemore has been heard to utter is, "sing it." He is a devout Methodist. Former players who do not smoke, don't in front of Bazemore. He doesn't smoke, nor does he drink.

For relaxation, Bazemore, his wife and kids, go camping. Bazemore is a bird hunter and had a couple of pointers which he dearly loves.

Every two weeks, he visits K. W. Proctor for a haircut. Proctor, been cutting Bazemore's hair for as long as he has been in Valdosta and he has his cars serviced at the same service station every time.

If Bazemore plays horseshoes or tiddly winks, he does his best to win. Once Valdosta's girls were playing Mur-

phy for the state basketball championship and were very jittery before the game. When Bazemore walked into Tech's Alexander Memorial Coliseum and spoke a few words to the girls, they settled down and won the state championship.

"I TRY TO leave my coaching at the office when I leave school," Bazemore said "but it is difficult. We receive phone calls at all hours. The pressure builds."

Bazemore recently took an electrocardiogram test and a defect was discovered in his heart rhythm. Thursday, he left for Jacksonville, Fla., where specialists will determine whether he was born with a heart murmur or whether it is something more serious.

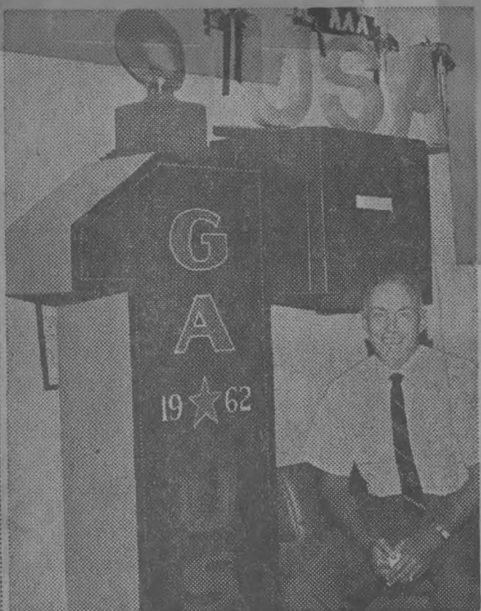
There have been rumors that a new high school is being built in Valdosta and that's why Bazemore decided to resign, since a new school would dilute his football talent pool.

There is a new school going up, the new Valdosta High School, to replace the present one at 1300 Williams Street.

They ought to call it Bazemore High.

Next: What now for Valdosta football?





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IN VALDOSTA BAZEMORE IS NO. 1
His Teams Were Nation's No. 1 Twice

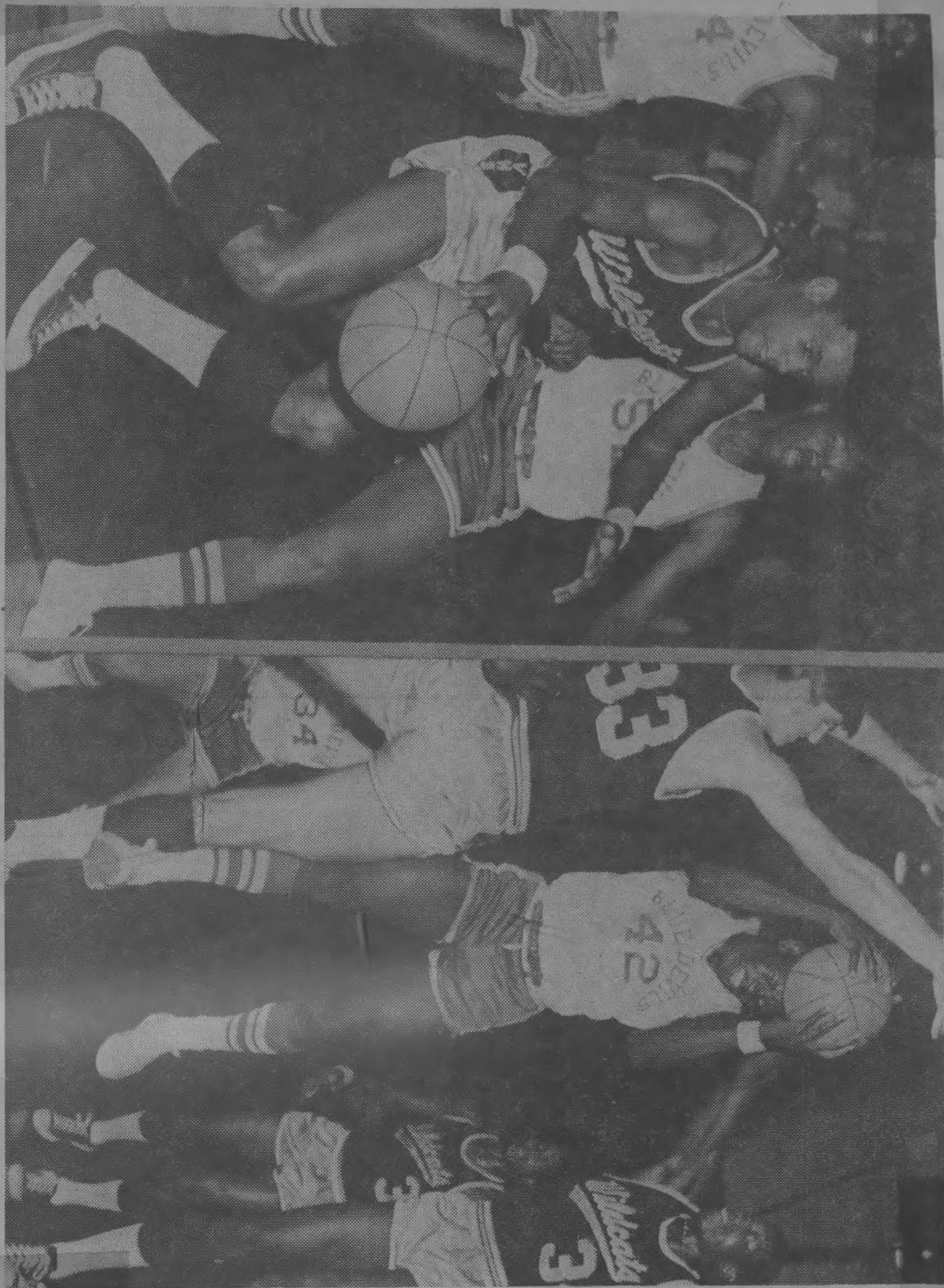
WRIGHT BAZEMORE

The Legend Still Lives In Valdosta

(After 31 years at Valdosta High School, 30 as head coach, posting a record 290 wins, 43 losses and six ties and winning 15 state championships, Wright Bazemore resigned his coaching duties Monday to become coordinator of athletics for the Valdosta city schools. Atlanta Journal Prep Editor David Davidson spent two days in the South Georgia city to find out what his

Valdosta's Stanford Rome Leaves Tift Defenders Behind, Left, While John Rowe (33) And George Rountree (34) Block Tift's Pogo Burns

—Times Staff Photos



He's King Of The 'Cats

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

A 2-year-old youngster, Clifford Brown Jr., is the 1972

king of the Valdosta High School Wildcat football team. But to the son of Sgt. and

Mrs. Clifford Brown, the autographed football he received from the team means a lot more than a title.

The child is the winner of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority sponsored King of the Wildcats contest. About 10 local boys, ages 1-5, were asked to be in the contest to help raise money for Christmas gifts for two underprivileged families.

People were asked to vote for the child of their choice in the contest. Votes were a \$1 each and the youngster with the most votes won the title and an autographed football.

According to contest chairman Phenia Sheffield, about \$115 was raised during the three-week event.

"This is the first time we've ever had the contest and we hope to make it an annual event. We have two families picked out that we plan to help. We'll buy toys, food and clothing for them with the money," said Mrs. Sheffield.

First runner-up in the contest was Stephen Williams, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Williams, while Barry Dene Muse, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Muse, was second runner-up.

"All the members of the VHS football team signed the football and we even had the coach to sign it, Wright Bazemore," said Mrs. Sheffield.



Cliff's Win Was Sorority Charity Effort

Bazemore Gets Top Bi

VALDOSTA, Ga. — Christmas is over, all the kids' toys are broken, all the women are downtown swapping stuff that wouldn't fit and John the Barber, the last I heard, was trampled in the rush of a 13th month sale.

This 13th month is something.

Nobody really wants to work this week, including me, but those Christmas bills have to be paid. New Year's is coming up and with it the rest of the bowl games.

And I guess it's time to take a look at a few highlights of 1971.

I don't pretend to hit the top stories of the year on the nose in order of importance but I will list a few that made enough of an impression for me.

tive office since the three-governor scandal of 1945.

Sen. Richard B. Russell's

Two More 'Cats Ready To 'Sign'

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Two more members of Valdosta High's 1971 football team, quarterback Stanley Bounds and tackle Steve Stanaland, have decided at which colleges they plan to continue their grid careers.

Stanaland has indicated he will accept the offer of a football scholarship from Auburn University and Bounds has indicated he will "sign" with the University of Mississippi.

Stanaland is expected to ink a grant-in-aid with Auburn tonight while Bounds is slated to officially accept an offer from Ole Miss on Thursday afternoon.

Earlier offensive tackle Paul Demersseman cast his lot with the University of Georgia.

Both Bounds and Stanaland played major roles as the Wildcats romped to a perfect 13-0 record this season and captured the state Class AAA championship.

A 220-pounder who saw duty in the interior of the Wildcats' line on both offense and defense, Stanaland received scholarship offers from more than 25 colleges.

Bounds, a 175-pound passing and running whiz, was literally swamped with college offers, including those from virtually every major football power in the southeastern section of the country.

This past season Bounds hit on 141 of 259 passes for 2,785 yards and 30 touchdowns. He also picked up 485 yards along the ground and tallied 23 TDs himself. He had 3,270 yards in total offense.

Bounds shattered the Region 1-AAA passing and total offense

marks in 1970, then topped both of those records again this year.

Stanaland was rated by Letterman magazine among the top-50 interior linemen in the state and was an All-America pick by Parade magazine.

Bounds was named to a pre-season All-America squad selected by Letterman magazine.

just one of 14 passes for 18 yards. The Has-Beens gained 130 yards along the ground and added 78 more by completing 6 of 10 aerials.

The first quarter was scoreless. In the second stanza 'Cats were back near their own goal line and tried a pass. Has-Been end George Roundtree intercepted the aerial and had to go just three yards to PAT.

Greene's charges knotted the count at 7-7 before intermission. Stanford Rome recovered a fumble at the Has-Beens' 20. Two plays later quarterback Bruce Hilton followed a zig-zag course to score from 14 yards out. Danny Adams booted the PAT.

The third stanza was scoreless then the Has-Beens moved from their own 11 to the Wildcat's two and were then pushed back to the eight. Roundtree lined up at the 15 and 13-7.

Late in the final period the 'Cats recovered a fumble at the Has-Beens' 48. Three plays later fullback Billy Berrien romped 14 yards to score with only 35 seconds left to play. The PAT was missed, but the 'Cats had a 13-10 victory margin.

Earlier Berrien has gone 61

BITTER RIVALS

Valdosta to Test Petrels' Progress

By NORMAN AREY

"We're beginning to work together now, making progress toward the kind of basketball I think we're capable of playing," said Roger Couch.

The first-year Oglethorpe coach and his Stormy Petrels get a stern test of their progress on the home court at 8 p.m. Wednesday night as Valdosta State comes to town.

The Rebels from South Georgia and the Petrels have been bitter rivals in the past, and this game figures to be an extension of that kind of competitive spirit.

The Petrels are on a two-game winning streak in posting a 3-2 record so far this season, beating Samford and West Florida after losing to Tennessee-Chattanooga.

Rubert Breedlove, Rudy Kinard and William Sheats are three of the leaders of the Petrels thus far this year. Breedlove and Kinard, of course, are transfer players. Sheats is a four-year starter for Oglethorpe, and the

senior is working on an outstanding season.

The Atlanta Tipoff Club selected Sheats as its first honoree among state college players this season, naming the forward the college player of the month.

Meanwhile, in other basketball action in the area, Dalton Junior College hosts its annual Carpet City Tournament, beginning Thursday night in Dalton, Ga. Motlow State College meets Gadsden State in the tourney's opening game at 7 p.m., with Dalton going against North Greenville at 9 p.m.

Valdosta-Lowndes Rematch Highlights Semi-Finals

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

One vows to play better while the other hopes to play as well, but both Valdosta Wildcat coach Joe Wilson, and Lowndes Viking pilot Charles Cooper are aiming for victory when their teams meet in the Lowndes Christmas Tournament tonight.

The tournament, in its third night of action, pairs the two cross-town and Region 1-AAA rivals in the nightcap of the semi-final round at 9:15 p. m.

The Vikings, seeded second, handed the 'Cats a 75-61 beating in their last bout, two weeks ago, for Valdosta's first and only loss.

"They beat us pretty bad out here last time," Wilson recalled. "We're still making mistakes but we've improved a lot.

We should be up for this one."

"That win gave us a lot of confidence," Cooper said of his Vikes. "Valdosta's got a good ball club, capable of beating anybody and I'm sure they'll be ready for us.

"We're just going to play our usual ball game and hope we can eliminate some of our turnovers."

Coach John Rutland has worries of his own about his Tift County Blue Devils' clash with Berrien's Rebels tonight at 6:45 p. m.

"They have a mighty fine ball club and I'm scared to death," the new head coach said of the school he left before going to Tift. "We're going to try to rely on our pressing game and hope we can stop Wayne Taylor."

Berrien coach John Nix sees the Imps as an aggressive ball club and admits he is impressed by them. "They're going to be tough man-to-man," he admitted.

Berrien's Rebelettes are also going up for their fifth straight championship, and coach Dona Fields hopes to see improvement when they meet Lowndes

Vikettes at 8 p.m.

The Vikettes won a 43-40 decision in their first encounter this season.

"We've been working on our offense," she said, "and we hope we've got it balanced out now. Lowndes is tough on defense and quick on offense."

"We've got a lot of respect for Berrien," Lowndes Coach Steve Kebler replied, as if in answer. "They have a good ball club and are well balanced, well coached and shoot well... and

we know they'll be tougher this time around."

Tift County Angel coach, Sandra Withrow is planning to use her team's superior size, speed, and ball handling against the Central of Thomasville Yellow Jackets in the opener at 5:30. But she's worried about the Jackettes aggressiveness.

"Central is mighty aggressive and they are strong, man to man," she said. "We're taller, but we have more than that in our favor. I think our girls do a tremendous job of ball handling and have a lot of speed."

But what Jackette coach Jim Howell is more concerned about is the Angel size with 6-2 Shirley Strawter, 6-1 Rita Allen, 5-10 Gerry Crowley, 5-9 Charleon Wilkes, 5-7 Mary Hagan and 5-3 Karen James in the starting lineup.

"They really have the size," he said. "We didn't play as well as I thought we should tonight. We're really going to have to against Tift."

'Cats, Vikes To Travel

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Both Valdosta and Lowndes cage teams take to the road for Region 1-AAA twin-bills tonight and then return for a traditional cross-town clash here Saturday.

The Valdosta Wildcats and Kittens are scheduled to take on the Bearcats and Kittens in Bainbridge tonight, while the Vikings and Vikettes try to match Thomasville's undefeated Bulldogs and Bulldgettes in their own den.

Saturday teams from the two

local schools clash in the Lowndes gym.

All three twin-bills are scheduled to begin at 7 p. m., with the girls game first.

Other area games tonight include Berrien (Nashville, Ga.) at Appling County (Baxley), Georgia Christian School (Dasher), at Mt. Dora, Fla.; Echols County (Statenville) at Doerun, Clinch County (Homerville) at Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.), and Worth County (Sylvester) at Brooks County (Quitman).

In another traditional rivalry Saturday night the Berrien Rebels and Rebelettes take on the Syrupmakers and Maids in Cairo.

Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats will take a 1-0 record into battle against the Bearcats tonight, while the VHS girls, coached by Joe Mercer, will be looking for their first win in two starts.

The Vikings, coached by Charles Cooper, hope to get back on the high side of the scoreboard after suffering their first loss in six games last week. Coach Steve Kebler's Vikettes will be trying to improve on 4-2 overall and 2-2 league marks.

Meanwhile, the Thomasville teams will both bring unbeaten 6-0 overall and 3-0 league records into the battle.

In another clash of the un-

beaten and once-beaten, coach Austin DeLoach takes his Clinch County Panthers from Homerville over to Lakeland, Ga., tonight.

That's where they are to meet coach Billy Pafford's unbeaten Lanier County Bulldogs.

The Panthers are 5-1 overall and 4-1 in Region 2-B standings after their only loss to Broxton, 73-47. The Bulldogs are 8-0 and 6-0, and their latest win was a 63-51 rout of Broxton.

In the girls side of that twin-bill, coach Herbert Tomlinson will be pitting his 5-1 and 4-1 Pantherettes against the 6-2 and 5-1 Bulldogettes, coached by Angie Devivo.

12-31-71

The Icing On The Cake

'Cats Named First In Nation

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

As the icing for a 13-0 state championship football season, Valdosta's Wildcats have been rated the number one high school team in the nation by the National Sports News Service of Minneapolis, Minn.

The mythical national championship, announced at noon today marks the third time in nine years, the Wildcats, coached by Wright Bazemore who has since resigned his coaching duties, have received the honor.

The first Valdosta team to win it was the 1962 squad which went 13-0, defeating Murphy of Atlanta 39-0 for the state Class AAA championship.

Then the 1969 team, which tied Athens 26-26 for the state co-championship as named a national co-champion, tied with Coral Gables, Fla.

The 1971 group of 'Cats rolled up a perfect 13-0 record, defeating Avondale, 62-12, for the State Class AAA Crown in Valdosta. Overall the Valdosta

grid crew outscored its opponents, 629-137.

Art Johlfs, editor of the National Sports News Service, which rates the teams, said the decision is made by a group of coaches from the Minnesota Vikings, the University of Minnesota, and Minneapolis area coaches after examining such things as game films, newspaper clippings, and final statistics.

"It's just great. I think it caps off everything else we've accomplished this season," said newly named head coach Charlie Green, who took over coaching duties when Bazemore resigned after the 1971 season.

"We didn't know we would be the top team, because there are an awful lot of good teams in the nation. Besides that we got the information in late to them."

When asked if the staff had any idea they had the top team when they first started working out this summer, he laughed.

"Back then, we were just hop-

ing we would have a winning season," he said.

Bazemore, who will stay on as city schools athletic director, is vacationing in Florida and was unavailable for comment.

Valdosta - Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce executive director, Johnny B. Lastinger, spent several days after the championship game collecting data to send to the NSNS.

"Bazemore came to me and said he just didn't have time to work with getting up all the information," Lastinger said, "and asked me if I would do it. After I agreed, he told me we were already two weeks late.

"We gathered such things as newspaper clippings from local and state newspapers and magazines, letters from fans who were associated with a town in Tennessee we knew was also being considered, game statistics, and game films of the

Monroe (75-22) and Avondale (state championship, 62-12) games.

"Johlfs didn't go into much detail when he talked to me, but he let on that one of the main reasons they liked Valdosta was the number of different offensive sets we ran.

"He was also impressed with the fact that we only had to punt 22 times in all 13 games, that we played so many boys, and most of our opponents' scoring was done in the fourth quarter," Lastinger said.

"They also mentioned a newspaper story by Harry Mehre, a former Georgia coach, that said Valdosta should be rated number one in a large newspaper, and a letter from coach Bazemore, indicating this could be his best team ever and if they weren't sure about the kind of football played down here ask Bob Brighter of the Vikings. He's from Willingham (now Macon Northeast) High

Rebelettes Remember

12-30-71

Girls Rivalry Beginning

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Except for the fact that the trophies are at stake Valdosta's Wildcats and Berrien's Rebels could find their championship match in the Lowndes Christian Tournament anti-climactic after playing their traditional rivals Wednesday.

But for Berrien's Rebelettes and the Tift County Angels, the rivalry is just beginning.

The 'Cats, coached by Joe Wilson, defeated their cross-town and Region 1-AAA foes Lowndes, in the semi-finals Wednesday night, 74-60, avenging an earlier 75-61 defeat to reach the finals.

And coach John Rutland's Blue Devils knocked out top-seeded Berrien, their toughest traditional foe, from Nashville, Ga., 22 miles from Tifton, by a 59-51 margin.

Now they are to meet in the finals for the crown tonight at 9 p.m.

But the excitement really should run high when the Rebelettes from Nashville meet the Angels at 7:30 p.m., not only because of the traditional rivalry, but it was Tift who ended the Rebelette 40-game win streak with a 30-29 decision last

year, and the Nashville girls haven't forgotten.

"We had a terrible game against Central getting to the finals," Tift Coach Sandra Withrow admitted. "Berrien is tough and we better be ready when we meet them.

"We were the team that ended their winning streak last year and they haven't forgotten that. They're tough on defense. I believe in sticking with what you do best and I believe we'll stay with the disciplined offense."

Berrien pilot Dona Fields agrees that the Rebelettes still haven't forgotten that loss. And besides that they are the defending champions for the fourth straight year and want to keep that crown.

"But we're going to have a lot of trouble with their size,"

she said. "I think we can beat them with a 100 per cent effort but nothing less."

Wilson was proud of his young 'Cats' win over Lowndes but calls Tift one of the best scrapping and hustling teams he's seen in quite a while.

"We broke the press to beat Lowndes," he said. "We're going to have to break Tift's to win again. And they are tough.

"You know, a lot of people don't realize it, but we're mighty young. We start one senior, two juniors and two sophomores and we still haven't organized ourselves, yet.

"We're getting more organized every game but that inexperience is hurting us. People keep talking about how short Tift is, but they have some good size too."

Rutland, a former Lowndes assistant coach who just left Berrien for Tift County, said it took the greatest team effort the Imps have put out to give him "the biggest win of my life."

But he says Valdosta has so much talent it's frightening.

"They scare me to death," he admitted. "They are all good players, but that Stanford Rome is a super star. He's going to get his 29 or 30, no matter what you do. And their defense is tough too.

"We're going to have to try to stop the whole Valdosta offense, not concentrate on him. They may lack experience but they really make up for it in talent. By the end of the regular season, they will probably be able to beat anybody in the state."

12-20-71

HE'LL BE REMEMBERED AS ONE OF THE GREATEST

The Bazemore Football Era Has Ended

VALDOSTA, Ga. — No, we members of the press weren't shook up at the drama of the greatest coach in the history of Georgia high school football hanging up his cleats. We were calm — about as calm as the Dallas police chief on THAT day.

Take me, for instance. I attended the board meeting where Coach Wright Bazemore resigned and humbly pleaded that the board choose his successor from among his staff.

I've covered so many public meetings that I sort of had a sense of detachment at the beginning but sometime while that gray-fox of a coach was standing there in a dark business suit it struck me that the man who may have been the nation's greatest high school football coach was calling it quits. But maybe it was just hayfever in my eye.

We don't really know about that "greatest in the nation" tag. His 15 state titles, counting one when he was the late Bobby Hooks' only assistant, are unequalled in Georgia but nationwide high school records are not kept that well. We know there are a few other schools with fantastic records with one at Massillon, Ohio, in particular, winning the right to be mentioned in the same breath with Valdosta. But we don't know if Massillon and the others had the same

coach all along or did it with several coaches.

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IT'S HARD TO WIN a John the Barber dull-clippers award but at least five of the six Valdosta city councilmen have earned one for playing free and easy with the city auditorium rental. Councilman Charles Nor-



A PERSONAL VIEW

ACROSS THE STATE LINES

with Carey Cameron

ris probably deserves a half clipper award for being free and easy one time and tight fisted the next time.

Being good-neighbor Sam by passing out free auditorium rentals may win votes but it's a bush league way of getting them. Some months ago a private school got free space to have Lt. Gov. Lester Maddox down to appear with a television clown (no puns please) to raise funds. The same thing happened the other day with Lowndes High on

a musical play. Norris favored the first giveaway.

The last time Norris voted against the free rental and his key words were an allegation that at one time it had been agreed that when admission is charged no free rent will be given. I grant you that the auditorium is not supposed to be a profit-making venture and many times come up when a legitimate reason for free rent is present — like the radio station which got it for a Christmas party for the underprivileged.

But I agree with Norris' latest position on the matter. The rent to schools, civic clubs, etc. is lower than the commercial rate to begin with and if the group stands to make money then they can pay their own freight in utilities and cleanup.

And please, Lowndes High and Valdosta Christian supporters, put down your ballpoint pens and save your stamps. I favor your causes. We ran pictures of the Lowndes High event in promoting it and ran at least two stories on the Maddox show but the taxpayers don't foot the bill for Times-Union space.

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LETS TRY a few John the Barber requests for Santa Claus.

Dear Santa, please bring:

Valdosta High football coach Charles Greene some big solid feet to fill those very big shoes.

Bazemore as many years as he wishes as athletic and physical education director.

Lowndes County a good countywide recreation program.

Georgia legislators an understanding of the .0029 school support chargeback law they seem so confused about now that it is law.

Georgia people the best man as the winner of that U.S. Senate race.

A pro golf caddy who is the same long-time faithful servant when his boss blows a tournament that he is when his boss wins.

The whole world some sports fans whose team lost because the other team was better and not because the officials cheated.

A Valdosta city election without mudslinging (John is still dirty from the last one).

My kids another year without finding out that Santa is really a flabby, middleaged man who pecks a typewriter.

And, very seriously now, an end to that confounded war.

12-31-71

Tift Sweeps Lowndes Tourney

By JULIAN MILLER
Times Sports Writer

Tift County's Blue Devils and Angels ended the Berrien era and took the first giant step toward starting a dominion of their own by winning both championships in the Lowndes Christmas basketball tournament here Thursday night.

The Angels stopped Berrien's Rebelettes cold with a 43-26 victory in the girls final while the Imps, who knocked off the top rated Rebels, Wednesday, inch ed by Valdosta's Wildcats, 62-61, in a game that went to the final wire to send both trophies of the 20th annual event to Tifton.

The Berrien teams, arch-rivals of Tift County, had dominated both ends of the tournament for the past four years, ever since the meet was moved to the Lowndes gym from its original site in Hahira in 1967.

"You know, I went looking for a church this morning," said John Rutland, after his Imps had just clinched the crown, "but the place was locked. I can bet you we'll all be in church come Sunday, though.

"Just couldn't make a free throw," moaned Joe Wilson, head coach of the Wildcats, who outscored the Imps in field goals, 22-21, but only hit on 17 of 33 free throw attempts while Tift sank 20 of 30.

The quintet battle started with a nip-and-tuck first quarter that saw the lead changing hands or tied seven times before ending in a 13-13 deadlock.

But in the second stanza, the Tift County press started taking its toll on Valdosta and the Imps intercepted pass after pass to jump ahead 38-25 by halftime knowing Valdosta's top player, Stanford Rome, was already charged with four fouls.

Tift kept the pressure coming throughout the third quarter moving to a 55-39 lead and still avoiding foul trouble by using the first two strings as rotating substitution teams.

But in the final stanza, Stanley Bounds helped get Valdosta's rally going and the Imps saw their lead fall from 17 points to a mere three before three players from Tifton fouled out.



Valdosta's Stanford Rome Leaves Tift Defenders Behind, Left, While John Rowe (33) And George Rountree (34) Block Tift's Pogo Burns

Tift's top player, Pogo Burns left the court via the five foul route with 1:23 remaining, and the 'Cats cut the lead to three again when David Demersseman's field goal made it 60-57.

A field goal by Joe Corry to put the score at 62-57 with one minute remaining, turned out to be the winning two points, because the 'Cats' Rome and Demersseman sank field goals to make it 62-61 with 32 seconds left. But the 'Cats couldn't get any closer than that.

Rome, who lasted until the

last 44 seconds before fouling out led the 'Cats with 17 points while Demersseman, George Rountree and Bob Fluitt added 10 apiece as Valdosta suffered its second loss in six starts.

Burns was the only player in double figures for Tift with 10 points. The Imps are now 8-3.

Berrien's Rebelettes never stood a chance after the Angels started moving ahead in the closing moments of the second quarter. Tift moved ahead in the opening quarter and had an

8-5 lead at the end of the stanza before the Rebelettes closed it to a 13-12 margin in the second frame.

But with 2:36 left in the half, Charlean Wilkes sank a field goal and the Angel run - away was on.

With 6-1 guard Rita Allen stationed under the Berrien goal and 6-2 forward Shirley Strawter under the Tift hoop, the much shorter Rebelettes could forget about rebounds. And the Angels managed to keep the Nashville girls outside, forcing

long shots.

Strawter ended up with 30 points and 17 rebounds to pace the top-seeded Angels, coached by Sandra Withrow, to their ninth win in 10 games. Allen was the rebound leader with 17.

Tift kept all the Rebelettes, coached by Dona Fields, out of double figures and handed them their fourth loss against eight wins.

		GIRLS			
Tift	-----	8	18	33	43
Berrien	-----	5	15	17	26

TIFT (43) — Strawter 30, Wilkes 9, Hagan 3, Jones, Barber, Allen, Crowley, Evans.

Team totals: field goals 18, free throws 7 of 14, fouls 16.

BERRIEN (26) — Bennett 4, Futch 8, Wright 6, Harrell 4, McNabb 2, Swain 2, Smith, Franklin, Nash.

Team totals: field goals 8, free throws 10 of 22, fouls 12.

BOYS

Tift	-----	13	38	55	62
Valdosta	-----	13	25	33	61

TIFT (62) — Burns 10, Kincaid 8, Elijah 9, Corry 8, Mims 7, Henderson 6, Daniels 6, Holiday 1, Brown 2, Johnson, Mathis.

Team totals: field goals 22, free throws 17 of 33, fouls 23.

VALDOSTA (61) — Rome 17, Fluitt 10, Demersseman 10, Rountree 10, Peterson 2, Bounds 9, Graham 3, Smith, Rowe.

Team totals: field goals 21, free throws 20 of 30, fouls 28.

—Times Staff Photos

After Avondale, Johlfs Agreed

When Valdosta's Wildcats defeated Moultrie 42-21, coach Wright Bazemore felt they deserved the national high school football championship.



JULIAN MILLER

times, in 1961, '66, '68, and '70; placed sixth in 1965, and eighth in 1960.

On the basis of that, Johlfs has announced Valdosta is now tied with Massillon, Ohio, for the overall number one team in the nation over the 13 years he has been editor of the National Sports News Service!

"It takes a city-wide effort to win a national championship," beamed Bazemore after hearing the news. "It takes work from the city, school board, school administrators, and on down.

"I'm real proud of our boys for getting this. It's something you can't ever take from either the boys or the coaches.

"You can't talk about Valdosta without thinking about

And when the 'Cats trampled Avondale, 62-12, for the State Class AAA crown, Art Johlfs agreed with him and Valdosta had its third national title since Johlfs began his rating service 13 years ago.

Bazemore's gridiron power plant has turned out the rated champion in 1962, the co-champion along with Coral Gables, Fla., in 1969, and now holds the crown singlehandedly again after Johlfs' ratings were announced Friday.

The 'Cats have been a perennial high scorer on Johlfs chart ever since he began rating. Besides the three first place finishes, they were runnersup four

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Miller Times Staff Writer

their coach," Johlfs said. "And Wright Bazemore is the best around. I don't have an award for national coach of the year, but if I did, I would have to give it to Bazemore in this, his last active year."

Johlfs feels he's qualified to rate the coaches. He started out as a high school mentor in Minnesota for 15 years. He then began covering state basketball playoffs for 425 newspapers across the state and eventually, because Minnesota has no grid playoffs, he started rating the state champion.

For 25 years he picked the state champion before succumbing to the temptation of picking a national champion.

He judges by his own formula including population, former records, letters from fans, newspaper clippings, etc., and gets help from the Minnesota Vikings, University of Minnesota, and high school coaches to rate them.

"One of the main reasons we first looked to Valdosta was a VHS graduate, Glen Mathis, who now lives in Marietta," he said.

"In a letter to me, Dec. 16, one of his many on the Wildcats, he wrote it would be a fitting tribute for this year if Valdosta team was to be declared national champs. If there was a national playoff, they could easily prove to the United States that they are the number one champion without any doubt."

That letter was seven pages long and one of over 100 per day Johlfs receives from around the nation.

Some of the reasons the committee picked Valdosta was that the 'Cats used 55 players before halftime and more than 80 in the playoff game, outscoring opponents,

630-137, and the first defense allowed only 62 points, along with the 'Cats' 49-1-1 record over the last three years.

Washing High of Tulsa, Okla., at 10-0-1 and brand new E. C. Williams of Arlington, Va., at 13-0 tied for the runner-up position. Tennessee High of Bristol, Tenn., was third at 12-0, Tifki Area, Pa., was fourth at 12-0 and Brother Martin of New Orleans, La., 13-1, was fifth.

East Waterloo, Iowa, with a 9-0 mark and 55 straight wins, was sixth; Warren, Ohio, who beat Massillon, 8-7, was seventh; St. Rita Catholic (11-0), eighth; Lee High of San Antonio, Tex., ninth at 13-0; and Bishop Amot of La Puente, Calif., finished out the top 10 at 13-0.

Usually only four teams from each state are allowed in the top 100, but this year Avondale was 22, Warner Robins 43, Moultrie 51 and West Rome 58.

He says he very rarely dips down into the lower classifications for another team in a state to add to his top 100 rankings. But he could not leave out the Georgia Class AA team, West Rome, after their perfect season.

Johlfs says he believes his research into the football rankings has really helped improve Minnesota high school competition because it gives coaches in his area a chance to look at plays from all over the country. And quite a few South Georgia plays are now being used up north.

He added Minnesota coaches showed special interest in the play Monroe used to become the only team this year to score first on the 'Cats, and made him run the film back in slow motion several times.

"They figured out what every player did," he said. "They said if it was good enough to score on Valdosta, they wanted it. You'll see that play being run an awful lot up here during the next football season."

But before Minnesota coaches start scratching their heads wondering why the play isn't working like it did against Valdosta that night, they'd better give a listen to Bazemore's explanation of why it succeeded against him.

"What happened is my two defensive halfbacks bumped together," he laughed. "The dumb bunnies almost knocked the stew out of each other. That was nothing but a plain ole pass over the middle."

'Cats, Jackettes Split

By JULIAN MILLER
Times Staff Writer

Central's Yellow Jackettes brought Joe Frank Burns and aimed him at Valdosta, but they ran headon into Stanford Rome and the rest of the Wildcats before they could even get their show on the road.

As a result the two schools split a Region 1-AAA high school basketball doubleheader with Central's Yellow Jackettes from Thomasville dumping Valdosta's Kittens, 52-26, and the 'Cats bombing the Jackettes, 84-53.

Rome, the 6-4 sophomore forward who is second in the region in scoring, showed why Tuesday by collecting 36 points and 13 rebounds before leaving the game in the third stanza.

By halftime he had 28 points to his credit and never was charged with a foul.

"We looked all right," head

coach Joe Wilson said of his 'Cats' game. "But we didn't start off too good. We were trying to press and didn't do it right. They got too many easy baskets.

"But we are showing some sign of improvement."

He mentioned Rome's play, along with that of Dwayne Smith, John Rowe and George Rountree, who were credited with 10 points each.

The Jackettes never held the lead after their 2-0 head start faded away, but they managed to keep up with the 'Cats until early in the second quarter when Rome, Rowe and Rountree started a rally to take the 'Cats from an 18-17 lead to a 39-23 mark by halftime.

The victory leaves the 'Cats

with a 7-2 overall record, and 4-2 league mark.

Burns totaled 28 points for the Jackettes as they lost their sixth game in seven starts. Following was snappy guard Pete Reeves with an even dozen.

The girls game was no contest from the start as the Jackettes broke a 2-2 tie with a scoring streak that put the visitors ahead of coach Joe Mercer's Kittens 11-2 with 2½ minutes left in the first quarter.

Then coach Jim Howell's Thomasville girls sat back and rolled up the score.

Ruby Knight was the only Valdosta girl in double figures as the Kittens dropped their fifth loss in six starts, leaving them with the same region record.

Tall Emalie Baker did most of the damage for the visitors with an 18 - point effort for the night.

GIRLS	
Valdosta	5 8 14 26
Central	11 19 32 52
VALDOSTA (26) — Knight 12, Flanders 8, Robinson 5, Folsom, Barker, Durden, Smith, Hoyle, Anderson, Cobb, Nelson, Strom, Stewart, Loving, Duncan, Warlick, Fryslie.	
Team totals: field goals 9, free throws 8 of 24, fouls 24.	
CENTRAL (52) — Baker 18, Ellis 8, Robinson 6, Palmer 6, Hallman 4, Eubanks, Spence 1, Cone 3, Hurst, Wiley, Jarrett, Blount 4, Banks 2, Dupree.	
Team totals: field goals 18, free throws 16 of 31, fouls 19.	

BOYS	
Valdosta	12 39 65 84
Central	11 23 37 53
VALDOSTA (84) — Rome 36, Rowe 10, Rountree 10, Smith 10, Fluit 8, DeMersseman 4, Peterson 4, Bounds 2, Graham, Jones, Hilton, Haley.	
Team totals: field goals 36, free throws 12 of 24, fouls 9.	
CENTRAL (53) — Burns 28, Reeves 12, Glenn 5, Winn 4, Reichert 2, W. Williams 2, Frazier, Tyler, Ivey, Law.	
Team totals: field goals 18, free throws 16 of 31, fouls 19.	

Valdosta Takes On Thomasville Teams

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The Wildcats and Kittens from Valdosta take on two of their toughest Region 1-AAA foes when they host Thomasville here Wednesday night in a high school basketball doubleheader.

That twin-bill against the Bulldogs and Bulldogettes scheduled to get underway in the gym at Valdosta Junior High at 7 p. m. is one of five doubleheaders involving area teams Tuesday.

Also on the slate are Cook (Adel) at Berrien (Nashville Ga.), Clinch (Homerville) Blackshear, Echols County (Statenville) at Brooks County (Quitman), Norman Park Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.) Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats will carry a 6-2 overall area record into the game against the Bulldogs, 10-2, and 5-1.

The Kittens coached by Mercer will be meeting the squad of Bulldogettes and 4-2, when they predict 4 and 2-3 marks on this.

In another region match, traditional rivals, Cook Hornet and Wasps from Adel and Berrien's Rebels and Rebelettes lock up in a 1-AAA (East) battle in Nashville.

The Rebels hope to add to their 9-2 record while Dona Felts' Rebelettes carry a 9-4 mark into the game. Both Berrien teams are 6-0 in league play.

Coach Lamar Chapman's Hornets are 2-6 and 2-3, while the Wasps are 3-4 and 1-3.

In Lakeland, Ga., Coach Billy Pafford's Lanier Bulldogs and the Bulldogettes, coached by Angie Devivo, step out of their Region 2-B to meet the

1-C Doerun Does and Deer. The Bulldogs are 10-0 overall while the Lakeland sextet is 8-2, with a four-game winning streak.

But one of Lanier's top region foes, Clinch County, will be going on with Region 2-B action, when the Panthers and Pantherettes travel to Blackshear to meet the Rigers and Tigerettes.

Coach Austin Deloach's Panthers and Herbert Tomlinson's Clinch girls are both 6-2 over-

all ad 4-2 in the region. Billy Ellis may have a little extra feelings when his Brooks County Trojans host the Echols County Wildeats. He was head coach at Echols two years before moving to Quitman this summer.

His Trojans will be putting a 5-7 record against the 'Cats, now 2-4, while coach Ashley DeLoach's Kittens hope to get their first victory in seven starts against coach Jamie Felts' 5-7 Trojanettes.

In Region Affair

'Cats, Kittens Dump Pats

By JULIAN MILLER
Times Sports Writer

Valdosta's Kittens inched by Westover's Lady Pats, and then the 'Cats stormed past the Patriot quintet as Valdosta took both ends of a Region 1-AAA basketball twinbill here Friday night.

The Kittens, coached by Joe Mercer, broke a three-game losing streak with a last minute victory over the Lady Pats from the Albany school, 41-39, while coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats smashed the Patriots, 72-48.

But even with the victory, the sixth in eight starts for his Wildeats, Wilson was disappointed with his team's display.

"We're still so young we're making a lot of bad mistakes," he said. "We lost the basketball too many times. I just can't get them to understand that defense is the main thing."

"But tonight we did get some foul shots."

The free throws made the major difference in the winning margin. His 'Cats outscored the Pats in field goals 23-21, but Valdosta shot 76 per cent from the free throw line, their best this season, hitting 26 of their 34 shots.

George Rountree kept the

Valdosta attack in high gear in the first half hitting for 15 points as the 'Cats took a 21-9 lead over the Pats in the first quarter and advanced it to 38-23 by halftime.

In the second half, when Rountree slacked off, Stanford Rome took over to keep the attack going.

Rome was the scoring and rebounding leader for the home quintet with 21 points and 24 rebounds. Rountree tallied 17 points with Bob Fluit tossing in another 15.

Marvin Trice and John Morgan teamed up to lead the way for Bob Logan's Patriots with 16 and 11 points respectively, as the Patriots dropped to 2-8 overall and 1-6 in region play.

The two sextets found themselves involved in a heated battle that wasn't decided until Ruby Knight sank a field goal to put the Kittens ahead 40-39 with 1:11 remaining in the game.

All together, the lead was tied a half-dozen times, and changed hands an even dozen, before the Kittens finally clinched it.

Field goals by Joy Fountain and Ann Mundece put the Lady Pats ahead 39-36 with 2:46 remaining. But Elaine Robinson's two free throws cut it to 39-38 before Knight's field goal put them ahead for good.

After trying to stall for over a minute, and in the process missing on three more foul shot attempts, the Kittens finally iced the win when Sharon Flanders sank a free throw with two seconds left.

"It took an entire 18-girl effort to win this one," Mercer said. "I think the girls on the bench did almost as much work as the starters keeping the spirits up."

"Westover had a good team, but I believe we just wanted it more."

Robinson and Knight

ended up with 15 and 13 points respectively to lead the Kittens to their second win in seven starts.

Anne Mundece's 20 points led the way for Tommy Stewart's Lady Pats who are now 4-5 and 3-4.

Girls
Valdosta 12 22 32 41
Westover 7 22 30 39
VALDOSTA (41) — Robinson 15, Knight 13, Flanders 5, Thomas 8, Folsom, Barker, Durden, Loyle.
Team totals: field goals 15, free throws of 25, fouls 19.
WESTOVER (39) — Mundece 20, Taylor 8, Flournoy 6, Laster 1, Fountain 4, Knight, Holmes.
Team totals: field goals 13, free throws 13 of 24, fouls 19.

Boys
Valdosta 21 38 46 72
Westover 9 23 33 48
VALDOSTA (72) — Rome 21, Rountree 17, Fluit 15, Bounds 7, Smith 2, Jones 2, Rowe, Graham.
Team totals: field goals 23, free throws 26 of 34, fouls 9.
WESTOVER (48) — Trice 16, Morgan 11, Tiernan 8, Hood 6, McCoy 3, George 2, Forrest 2, Keenan, Lindsey, Logan, Evans, Devine.
Team totals: field goals 21, free throws 6 of 11, fouls 21.

Back From Vacation

Area Cage Slate Crowded Tonight

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta and Lowndes cage teams are scheduled to host Region 1-AAA foes from Albany tonight as the area cage slate goes full force for the first time since Christmas vacation.

The Vikings and Vikettes from Lowndes are to host the Dougherty Trojans and Trojanettes while the Patriots and Lady Pats from Westover take a trip to Valdosta's gym for a confrontation with the Wildcats and Kittens.

Those twin-bills are scheduled to get underway with the girls games at 7 p. m. in the Lowndes gym, and the gym on the Valdosta Junior High campus.

Other area action tonight finds Berrien (Nashville, Ga.) at Camden County (Woodbine), Georgia Christian (Dasher) at Mt. Moriah; Mitchell County (Camilla) at Brooks County (Quitman); Ravenwood (Meigs) at Brooks County, Christian County (Folkston) at Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.), Clinch County (Homerville) at Patterson; Valwood at Coffee Christian School (Douglas), Doerun at Echols County (Statenville), Cook (Adel) at Ware County (Waycross); and Perry, Fla., at Hamilton County (Jasper, Fla.).

In Saturday action, the slate pits Lowndes at Berrien, Whigham at Echols; Doerun at Cook; and Madison Fla., at Hamilton.

Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats put 5-2 overall and 4-2 region marks against the Patriots, now 2-7 and 1-5. Meanwhile the Kittens coached by Joe Mercer go against the 4-4 and 3-3 Lady Pats with their 1-5 record both

ways.

With 8-3 and 4-3 slates, coach Charles Cooper's Vikings will

AREA HOOP SLATE

Tonight
Dougherty at Lowndes
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Berrien at Camden
GCS at Mt. Moriah
Mitchell at Brooks
Ravenwood at BCC
Charlton at Lanier
Clinch at Patterson
Valwood at CCS
Doerun at Echols
Perry at Hamilton
Cook at Ware

Saturday
Lowndes at Berrien
Whigham at Echols
Doerun at Cook
Madison at Hamilton

be going after their second straight win against the 5-7 and 1-5 Trojans.

Meanwhile Coach Steve Kebler's Vikettes put 7-4 and 4-2 records against the 5-7 and 0-7 Trojanettes, in hopes of ending a two-game losing skid.

The only undefeated team in the area, coach Billy Pafford's Lanier County Bulldogs from Lakeland, Ga., 12-0 overall, go against the Charlton County Indians from Folkston.

At the same time coach Angie Devivo's Bulldogettes will be putting 7-2 overall and 7-1 region 2-B charts against the Squaws.

In Boston, coach Mike Bland's Brooks County Christian's Cougars and Cougarettes hope to atone for two straight losses to Ravenwood's cagers when they host the Raiders and Raiderettes in their homecoming meet tonight.

The Raiders dropped the Cougars 74-47 in the Meigs Christmas Tournament and 69-58 in their game Tuesday. The Cougarettes fell to the Raiderettes in their two outings, 67-41 in the Christmas Tournament and 49-37, Tuesday.

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Area Cage Slate Goes Full Scale

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Area high school basketball goes full scale here this weekend for the first time since Christmas vacations began, and Valdosta and Lowndes lead the pack hosting Albany foes.

In twin-bills against teams from the northern division of Region 1-AAA, Lowndes plays host to Dougherty while Valdosta takes on Westover here Friday night.

Those twin-bills are scheduled to get underway with the girls games at 7 p. m.

Saturday, Lowndes' Vikings and Vikettes take a trip to play

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Cook at Ware

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Lowndes at Berrien
Whigham at Echols
NFJC at Echols
Doerun at Cook
Madison at Hamilton

non-region Berrien in Nashville, Ga., while Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens take a night off.

Other games involving area schools Friday include Berrien at Camden County (Woodbine), Georgia Christian (Dasher) at Mt. Moriah, Mitchell County (Camilla) at Brooks County Christian (Dixie), Charlton County (Folkston) at Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.), Clinch County (Homerville) at Patterson, Doerun at Echols County (Statenville), Perry, Fla., at Hamilton County (Jasper, Fla.) Valwood at Coffee Christian School (Douglas) and Cook (Adel) at Ware County (Waycross).

The area slate Saturday puts

Whigham at Echols, Doerun at Cook, and Madison, Fla. at Hamilton.

Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats put their 5-2 overall and 4-2 Region 1-AAA records on the line against the 2-7, and 1-5 Patriots from Westover in the gym on the Valdosta Junior High campus.

The girls game pits coach Joe Mercer's Kittens, trying to improve on 1-5 records both ways against the Lady Pats who bring 4-4, and 3-3 records into the tilt.

Lowndes' Vikings, coached by Charles Cooper, put an 8-3 overall and 4-3 loop record up against the Dougherty Trojans, now 5-7, and 1-5 in the Lowndes gym.

Coach Steve Kebler's Vikettes, hoping to make up for two straight losses take 7-4 and 4-2

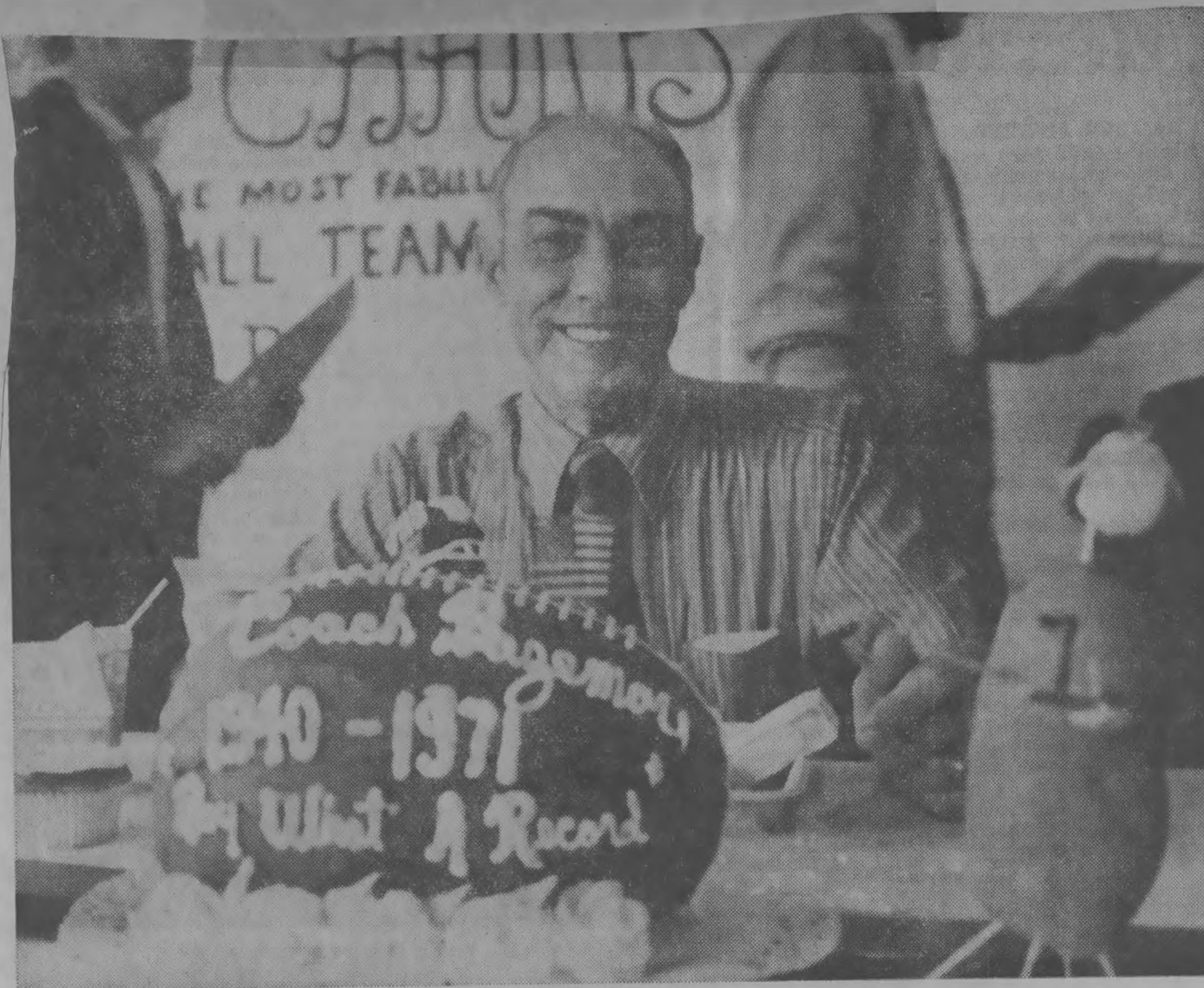
marks into battle against the 5-7, and 0-7 Trojanettes.

Saturday night, the Loves teams hope to reproduce what they accomplished earlier this season when they handed Berrien's Rebels and Rebels two losses here.

The Vikes defeated John Nix's Rebels 63-6 and the Vikettes topped Fields' Rebelettes 43-40 thrillers.

Coach Billy Pafford's Lanier County Bulldogs from Lakeland, Ga., the only undefeated team around, hope to keep their winning streak going when they host the County Indians from Folkston in their ninth Region 1-AAA game.

Meanwhile, the Bulldogs, coached by Angie Devivo, put 7-2 overall and 7-1 region 2-B charts against the



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Valdosta Athletic Director Bazemore Digs Into Meal behind Chocolate Football as Wildcats Buck the Lunch Line

'Cats Didn't Fumble Here Either

By WINK DeVANE

"Pass it down here," said one member of the Valdosta High School Wildcat football team to another. And he wasn't talking about a pigskin either.

He was referring to an unwanted roll or maybe a serving of sweet potato souffle. And there were precious few unwanted servings of anything Thursday at the VHS cafeteria.

The occasion was a special meal in honor of the Wildcats being picked the number one high school team in the nation. The team, along with its coaches and cheerleaders, gathered for an early lunch and praises from school officials.

"You have brought a distinct honor not only to this school but to this town, this state and the entire section of the country," said school principal Lloyd Mims.

"Not only as victors on the football field but through your behavior at this school I am

makes me a national champ too," he said.

All-American quarterback Stanley Bounds, a signee with the University of Mississippi at Oxford, Miss., returned thanks and led the charge to the lunch line.

He didn't get the blocking from his linemen that he had during the campaign which led Valdosta to the state class AAA championship and he didn't look for anyone to lateral to when he got his plate.

Burly defensive players restrained the urge to tackle him as he picked his way to a table.

Three members of the VHS lab band, Mark True, Woody Leonard and Randy Williams, provided rock music during the meal.

Mims said the idea of the special meal started with Emma Banks, lunchroom manager, and Bessie Coalson, director of school food services

and the other students filed through, not even the prettiest female student could compete with the lunchroom workers for the affections of the team members as they marched by expressing their appreciation.

'Cats Going After Fifth League Win

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats will be going after their fifth Region 1-AAA basketball win but Thomasville's Bulldogs will be out to make up for their first region loss when they meet here tonight.

Thomasville's Bulldogs and Bulldogettes are to travel here tonight to play the 'Cats and Kittens in their twin-bill, just one of five involving area teams.

The contests gets underway at 7 p. m. with the girls game in the gym on the Valdosta Junior High campus.

The area slate tonight also puts Cook (Adel) at Berrien (Nashville, Ga.), Echols County (Statenville) at Brooks County (Quitman), Norman Park at Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.) and Clinch County (Homerville) at Blackshear.

The Bulldogs, now 10-2 overall and 5-1 in league play, received their first region defeat in their last outing Friday at the hands of Albany's Monroe, 60-55.

They'll have that in mind when they meet coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats, who'll bring a 6-2 overall and 4-1 region chart into the clash.

Meanwhile coach Joe Mercer's 2-4 and 2-3 Kittens will be going up against some pretty tough competitors when they tackle the Bulldogettes.

Thomasville's sextet has lost only twice in a dozen starts and brings along a 4-2 league chart.

The Bulldogs chalked up a 62-54 victory over Lowndes the night before the Vikings handed Valdosta their only region loss, 75-61. But the 'Cats came back to beat Lowndes 74-60 in the Lowndes Christmas Tournament.

Against the Lowndes foes in earlier games, the Bulldogettes fell, 41-36, for their first loss of the season while the Kittens took a 36-25 beating.

Berrien and Cook are scheduled to lock up in another region game tonight, that has a traditional rivalry flair thrown in.

Berrien's Rebels and Rebelettes will both take 5-0 Region 1-AA (East) records against their arch-rivals when the two teams meet in Nashville tonight.

Coach John Nix's Rebs are 10-2 overall while the Rebelettes, coached by Dona Fields, are 10-4.

The Hornets and Wasps from Adel, both coached by Lamar

Chapman, come into the clash with 2-3 and 1-3 league records respectively. The boys are 3-6 overall while the girls are 4-4.

'Cats Avenged In Tifton

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

TIFTON — If a 50-49 victory after two technical fouls can avenge a 62-61 loss, Valdosta's Wildcats can consider themselves avenged, after splitting a Region 1-AAA twin-bill with Tift County here Friday.

Valdosta's David Demersseman took advantage of two technical fouls charged to Tift Blue Devil coach Johnny Rutland to score what turned out to be the winning points as the 'Cats made up for a 62-61 defeat at the hands of the same quintet in the Lowndes Christmas Tournament.

Meanwhile, coach Joe Mercer's Kittens found the Tift County Angels were everything they are built up to be by dropping a 59-21 decision to the home sextet.

The two quintets found themselves locked up in a nip-and-tuck first half, but in the second half, coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats, came back from a one-point intermission lead and were never headed as they kept from one to four

points ahead of the Imps.

In the last minute Demersseman sank four free throws to put the 'Cats ahead 48-45. Then Tift's Pogo Burns sank two for his team to close the gap to 48-47.

On the next play Tift stole the ball and Al Holiday went up for a basket which would have put the Imps ahead 49-48, if not, for a traveling penalty which nullified the play.

That brought Rutland steaming onto the court and Gore called a technical, and then another after the Tift coach refused to leave the court.

Those set Demersseman up for two more free throws which won the game by giving the 'Cats a 60-57 lead. Jeff Kincaid's basket at the final buzzer made it 60-59.

Region 1-AAA's second leading scorer, Stanford Rome, led the 'Cats again with 25 points, followed by Demersseman with his important six free throws, as the 'Cats boosted their records to 9-2 and 6-1.

Valdosta took the margin on free throws after trailing Tift 21-17 from the floor but sinking 16 foul shots to seven for Tift's five.

Burns and Kincaid paced the losers with 14 and 12 points.

Wilson gave a lot of credit for the win to subs Johnny Rowe and Bob Graham, who came off the bench and cleaned the backboards while Stanford Rome took a breather.

"Those boys did a fine job of rebounding for us Wilson said. They kept us in there."

The 'Cats were having to play without 6-2 junior starter Bob Fluitt who twisted an ankle in Thursday's practice. The coach said X-rays to be taken Monday will determine how long he'll be out.

The Kittens never stood a chance against the much taller Angels, coached by Mrs. Sandra Withrow.

Leading the way for Tift was Karen Jones with 25 points, followed by 5-9 Charlean Wilkes with 14 and 6-2 Shirley Strawter with an even

dozen.

Sharon Flanders paced the Kittens with her eight foul shots, as they fell to 2-5 in league play and 2-6 overall.

In a preliminary junior varsity game, Valdosta topped Tift 48-45 behind the 16-point effort of Archie Lewis for their sixth victory in as many starts.

The 'Cats and Kittens take a break from league play to travel to Nashville, Ga., tonight for a traditional match with Berrien.

Girls

Valdosta	7	9	15	21
Tift	9	22	38	59

VALDOSTA (21) — Flanders 8, Robinson 4, Night 2, Thomas 5, Nelson 2.

Team totals: field goals 6, free throws 9

TIFT (59) — Jones 19, Wilkes 14, Strawter 12, Hagan 9, Bruce 1, Barber 2, Stewart 2.

Team totals: field goals 25, free throws 9.

Boys

Valdosta	10	23	32	50
Tift	13	22	30	49

VALDOSTA (50) — Rome 26, Bounds 4, Demersseman 6, Rowe 2, Roundtree 2, Smith 5, Peterson 4, Coachman 1, Graham.

Team totals: field goals 17, free throws 16 of 27, fouls 10.

TIFT (49) — Mimbs 4, Kincaid 12, Corey 2, Burns 14, Daniels 2, Thomas 2, Holiday 8, Dean 4, Brown 1.

Team totals: field goals 21, free throws 7 of 16, fouls 19.

Seventeen Here Semifinalists

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Honors competition have been named with 17 still in the running from the Valdosta and Lowndes County school systems.

There are 12 semifinalists from Valdosta High School and five semifinalists from Lowndes High School.

The 400 finalists for the eight weeks program are to be selected in February.

VHS students include John Lee Smart, Lisa Groover and Sherre Valenti, math; Becky Ann Parker, social studies; Paul Reddick, science; Denise Rouse, Martica Griffin and Bunny Budd, art.

Aubrey Robinson, drama; Mary Nell Smart, Scott Slucumb and Kathleen O'Neal, music.

Lowndes High students include Donald Holston, English; John Crowley, social science; Hidi Hogan and Renee Hart, drama, and Bruce Wallace, band.

Hilda McElvey, former art teacher at Lowndes High who is now director of the gifted student program in the county

schools, and Dorothy Carter, drama department head at Lowndes High, have been chosen to serve on the state judging committee for the finalist selection.

Mrs. McElvey is to judge art students and Mrs. Carter is to select drama students.

"We won't be able to judge students from our system but we are both honored to have been asked to serve as judges," said Mrs. McElvey.

The judging for the southern portion of the state is to be held Feb. 12 in Macon and students from the northern part are to be picked in Atlanta Feb. 19.

Gov. Jimmy Carter has promised to make \$15,000 available to the Georgia Department of Education to study the honors program, according to state school Supt. Jack Nix.

Dr. Nix said the study will be designed to improve the summer program for gifted students.

The program is held on the Wesleyan Campus at Macon for rising juniors and seniors who are intellectually gifted or artistically talented.

Forgotten Wildcat Makes Own Record

With Valdosta's Wildcats setting all kinds of records under Stanley Bounds' passing, and Stanford Rome's pass receiving, another Wildcat has been all but forgotten in his record breaking performance.

Dick Parker, a 175-pound linebacker who was one of the anchormen in the Valdosta defense, has apparently set a record for the most number of extra points kicked in a season in Region 1-AAA.



JULIAN MILLER

Ellwood Moyer, a Columbus banker who has been keeping records on Region 1-AAA ever since it started in 1947, and expanded his program to cover both Region 1-AAA and 2-AAA when they branched off from the original region in 1967, has confirmed the suggestion that Parker now leads in PATs.

This season Parker has been credited with kicking 46 extra points in the regular season, and 19 more in the playoff games that put Valdosta on the State Class AAA throne for 1971, breaking the old record held by Valdosta's Giles Smith, who kicked 38 in 1961 and 32 in '62.

The 'Cats were also undefeated state champs those years and like the 1971 'Cats, who have been rated number one in the country by National Sports News Service, the '62 team was also named national champ while the '61 team was runnerup.

But besides holding the record for PATs in Region 1-AAA, Parker may hold the record for extra points kicked in the state.

It's obvious that no other team scored enough touchdowns to top that this year, and Moyer, who's been around in Georgia high school football, can't remember a team in modern times which may have kicked more than that.

For City Election

Qualifying Opens Mon.

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Qualifying opens here at 9 a.m. Monday for the city elections Feb. 14 and 22 persons have announced their intentions to run for public office.

Candidates must qualify with Small Claims Court Judge Horace (Buddy) West to be eligible to run. Deadline for qualifying is at noon Friday.

Voters are to select six councilmen, a mayor and three Valdosta Board of Education members in the balloting at Mathis city auditorium.

Fees for qualifying are \$100 for mayor and \$50 for each council post. There are no

fees for the school board posts.

All incumbents in the races have announced opponents with the exception of councilmen Ashley Hill in post No. 2 and Fred Bonner in post No. 5.

W. O. (Bill) Bassford is vacating his council post No. 1 to try for the mayor's seat. He is opposed by former mayor James Beck. Mayor Aubrey Stump says he won't run for a second term.

There are five announced candidates for post 1 making it the biggest race in the election.

Betty Bechtel, one of two women seeking council posts,

is running against four men. This is Mrs. Bechtel's first try for a political office.

The four men in the race have all run for public office and been defeated in the past. They are Ernest Nijem, David Massingill, Don Gerlock and John Fisher.

Fisher and Dr. L. W. Williams are the only Negroes who have publicly announced their intentions to run for office.

Williams is after school board post 5 being vacated by John Howell.

Board member I. H. (Bubber) Tillman Jr., who holds post no. 6, is not seeking reelection to that six-year

term of office either.

Doris Vaughn, who has lived here about 18 months, is seeking post no. 6 on the council held by incumbent Charlie Norris. This is Mrs. Vaughn's first entry into politics.

Mrs. Vaughn and Norris are joined by Valdosta school board finance director Jack Kent in the post 6 race.

The lack of apparent interest in the school board posts has been attributed to the length of office.

Retiring board member Tillman said six years has scared off a lot of good material.

"It's just too long," he said. See Qualifying — Page 2

-Qualifying

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The board is correcting this with a request to local representatives to introduce legislation to the Georgia General Assembly which would reduce the terms of office from six years to three years.

The change would not affect this year's race but would be implemented during the 1974 city elections.

Announced candidates include:

Council — Betty Bechtel, Ernest Nijem, David Massingill, Don Gerlock and John Fisher, post 1; incumbent Ashley Hill, post 2; incumbent Gil Harbin and A. D. Crosby, post 3; incumbent Bill Keller and Lamar Culbreth, post 4; incumbent Fred Bonner, post 5, and incumbent Charles Norris, Jack Kent and Doris Vaughn, post 6.

Mayor — W. O. (Bill) Bassford and James Beck.

School board — Incumbent Dr. Robert Quattlebaum and E. M. (Chuck) May, post 4; Dr. L. W. Williams and Jud Godwin, post 5, and Dr. Glen Herrin and Wally Higginbotham, post 6.

'Cats Top Bulldogs

By JULIAN MILLER
Times Staff Writer

After an awesome start, Valdosta's Wildcats found themselves facing a few tense moments before defeating Thomasville's Bulldogs to split a basketball doubleheader here Tuesday night.

The 'Cats jumped off to a large lead in the first quarter but became victims of a cold second half before surging ahead again to edge out the Bulldogs, 69-59.

Thomasville's Bulldogettes had an easier time against the Kittens as they rambled away to a 49-39 victory in the Region 1-AAA twin-bill.

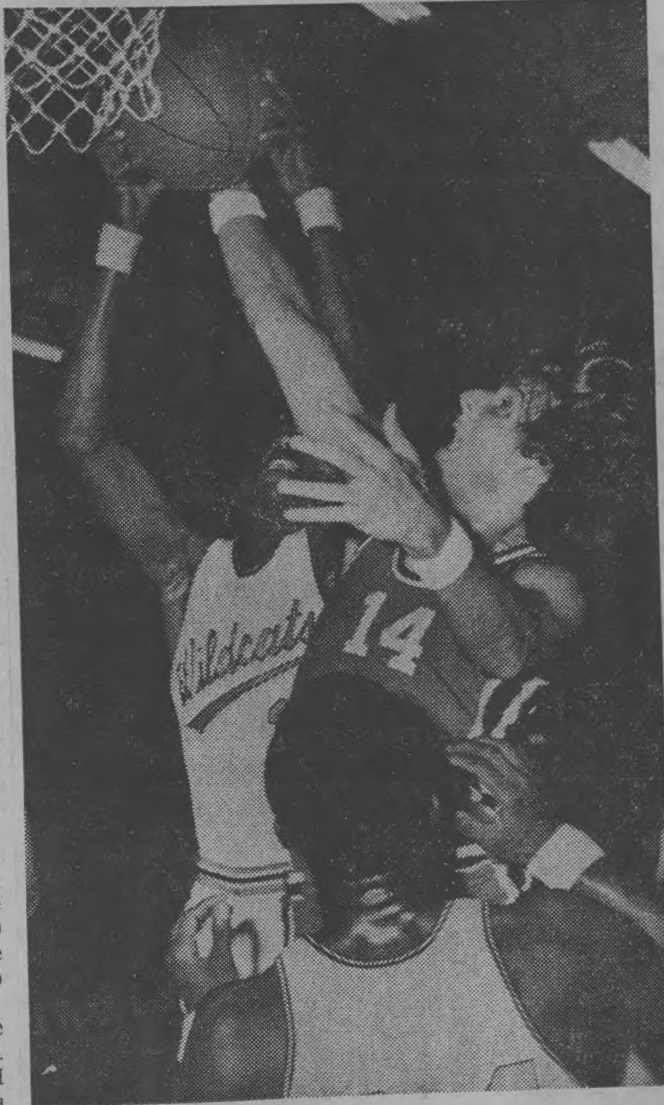
Moving behind their improving press, the Wildcats surged ahead to a 21-11 lead before coach Joe Wilson substituted for Stanley Bounds, Bob Fluitt, George Roundtree, and David Demersseman, leaving leading scorer Stanford Rome, with the second unit.

Valdosta's second unit managed to keep the margin at 10 points and the 'Cats left the floor at halftime with a 40-30 lead.

In the second half, the Bulldogs started pulling ahead and had closed the gap to three points trailing 52-49 with 6:29 remaining in the game, before the 'Cats pushed it back up to 10.

"I was proud of the way we played tonight," Wilson said. "We started off good, but I think that press wore us out a little early. Thomasville has a fine shooting club and they'll be hard to beat in Thomasville later."

Rome, a 6-4 sophomore who is second in region scoring, totaled 31 points to spark the



—Times Staff Photo

Stan Rome, Lavon Keadle (14) Fight For Rebound

Wildcats to their seventh victory in nine starts and fifth region win against one loss.

George Roundtree added another 16 points and held T-Ville leading scorer, Lavon Keadle to

just 10 points.

Charles Gordon and Raymond Kerbo were the top shooters for the Bulldogs as they dropped their second loss in a row, scoring 19 and 16 respectively.

They now carry a 10-3 overall and 5-2 league chart.

When the Bulldogettes broke a 4-4 deadlock with field goals by Ellen Faulk, Deborah Gardner and Virginia Balfour in the last two minutes of the first quarter to take a 10-4 lead, the Kittens, coached by Joe Mercer found themselves in a game of catchup.

The visiting sextet continued to rack up the points and rolled to their 11th victory against two defeats. The win boosted their league chart to 5-2.

Gloria Thomas, Ruby Kind and Sharon Flanders scored 12, 11, and 10 points respectively for the Kittens, now 2-5 and 2-4 on the season.

Gardner's 16 points was high for the Bulldogettes.

In a Junior varsity game, Valdosta defeated Thomasville, 77-62, behind the 17-point effort of Jerome Coachman.

Geral Sapp paced the Bulldogs with 18.

GIRLS			
Valdosta	611	23	39
T'Ville	10	26	42
VALDOSTA (39) —	Flanders 10, Robinson 6, Knight 11, Folsom, Barker, Thomas 12, Smith, Hoyle.		
Team totals:	field goals 14, free throws 11 of 21, fouls 13.		
THOMASVILLE (49) —	Balfour 8, Becknell 8, Faulk 13, Gardner 16, Cade 2, Garfield 1, Mott 1, Thornton, Hayes.		
Team totals:	field goals 22, free throws 5 of 16, fouls 15.		

BOYS			
Valdosta	23	40	50
T'Ville	11	30	46
VALDOSTA (69) —	Rome 33, Roundtree 16, Peterson 2, Bounds 4, Fluitt 8, Demersseman 3, Graham 2, Smith 1, Rowe.		
Team totals:	field goals 29, free throws 11 of 6, fouls 11.		
THOMASVILLE (59) —	Keadle 10, Kerbo 16, Gordon 19, Heard 9, Mitchell 1.		
Team totals:	field goals 23, free throws 13 of 16, fouls 11.		

Assistant School Chief Is Named

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta Board of Education has named the principal of Cairo High School as its assistant superintendent effective July 1.

John Brandon's acceptance of the second highest administrative post in the city school system is the culmination of several years effort by the board and Supt. Foster Goolsby to hire him.

"It is with a great deal of pride and pleasure that I announce John Brandon's decision to join this school system. He is one of the top principals in the state and will be a tremendous asset to our system," said Goolsby.

Brandon submitted his resignation to the Grady County Board of Education this week. He is to be in charge of instruction.

Brandon is filling a void created by the resignation of Dr. Jerry Cox last summer. Cox was director of instruction here and is now superintendent of the Ware County school system.

The board has been without an assistant school superintendent since Goolsby succeeded W. G. Nunn four years ago to the top post in the system.

Brandon, 41, and his family are to move here in June. He has been principal of Cairo High School seven years.

He succeeded Goolsby as principal of Cross Keys High School at Decatur, where he held the top post three years before moving to Cairo.

"We have been after Ralph Brandon for several years to take a position in the Valdosta school system. We are glad to finally have him over here working with us," said board chairman Reuben Yancey.

A native of Aliceville, Ala.,

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Water System Work

Council Okays School Bids

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Mayor - Council has approved two contracts for work totaling \$250,070 for a water system and 500,000-gallon water tank to be built at the new Valdosta High School.

Meeting in special session at noon Wednesday in city manager Vern Bechtel's office, the council accepted city engineer Ron Bond's recommendations that contracts be awarded to D and K Construction Co. of Valdosta and Brown Steel Construction Co. of Newnan.

D and K was the apparent low bidder at \$120,670 for the water supply well, mechanical equipment, pumphouse, outside piping and outside work and tank foundation.

Brown Steel Construction Co. did not submit a base bid at the opening Tuesday for the 500,000-gallon water tank, but the company's alternate bid of \$129,400 was low for the second contract.

The combined bids of \$250,070, is lower than the original estimate of \$278,000, excluding engineering fees.

Chicago Bridge and Iron Co. of Atlanta submitted a base bid of \$143,000 for the water tank but did not stipulate it would guarantee water against color, taste or odor from paint inside

the tank.

"For that reason I recommend that we not accept the low base bid from Chicago," said Bond.

The contracts must now be approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which has awarded the city about a \$126,000 grant to help finance the water works.

Bond said HUD's approval or rejection of the contracts should be announced in about 10 days.

"They like to have the low bid but in a case like this when the low bidder failed to agree to the stipulations, I think they'll accept your recommendations. I have already been in contact with the HUD representative," explained Bond.

The contracts call for each company to finish its work in six months. Water must be made available to the school building contract within 90 days after construction has begun.

But now that one of the biggest problems of the Valdosta Board of Education seems to be solved, getting water to its new \$4.5 million facility, another has taken its place.

Valdosta architect Zeb Lackey, who designed the comprehensive plant, told the board at a meeting Tuesday night he doubts the school will be ready in time for classes in September.

The board, shooting for a September opening date, was making plans to convert to the quarter system of operation. This would also be post-poned.

Lackey says the school will definitely be ready for use by Jan. 1, 1973.

In other matters at the special council session, the city officials approved a proposed Lowndes County Arts Commission but did not appropriate any funds for the organization.

Council members stressed they are approving the commission as a countywide venture but not as a joint participating program.

Councilman Gil Harbin said the Lowndes County Commissioners should be the ones to appoint members to the arts board.

"They should name the members from the county and if they want to name some from city that would be fine, too," said councilman Gil Harbin.

The council approved the Lowndes County Board of Education's request for sewer service to Parker Mathis Elementary School at the board's expense.

Council voted to de-annex a piece of property at Smith-briar Place and Patterson St

owned by Dr. T. H. Smith.

Smith had requested several weeks ago for the property to be removed from the city limits after a prospective buyer found the lot was unsuitable for its commercial use.

'Cats End Rebel Streak

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

NASHVILLE, Ga. — A last-second field goal and a possible scoring mistake helped Valdosta's Wildcats to a 70-69 victory over Berrien, giving the Rebels their first home court loss in more than four years in a high school basketball twin-bill here Saturday night.

The homestanding Rebelettes gave Berrien its end of the non-region split with a 45-27 victory over the visiting Kittens.

Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats took the lead and the victory in the last second on Stanford Rome's field goal giving the Rebels their first home defeat since a 75-67 loss to Lanier County Jan. 31, 1967.

The battle was a nip-and-tuck affair all the way but the 'Cats managed to hold on to the lead at the end of each quarter mark.

At the start of the final stanza, the Rebels, coached by John Nix, broke a 53-51 lead the 'Cats had at the end of the third quarter and surged to a five-point lead.

But the Valdosta press slowed them down and put the Wildcats ahead 68-67 with nine seconds left in the game. That's when Rebel Ken Shaw was allowed two free throws putting the Rebs ahead, 69-68.

But when the home quintet tried to press Rome out of taking the ball back down court, the big sophomore passed to senior Stanley Bounds who dribbled downcourt and passed back to Rome, who scored the win-

ning layup just before the final buzzer.

Nix wasn't offering excuses for his team's loss, he figures, Valdosta played a good game. But early in the fourth quarter, the scoreboard showed two points more than the official scorebook, and the officials took two points off the Berrien score.

"We think the scorer just forgot to put a field goal down," Nix said. "It was a big game and easy to get excited. I still think we played a good game though. According to my charts we out-rebounded Valdosta by about 20."

Wilson turned out some pleased expressions about his young Wildcats' play, singling out Rome, Bounds, David Demersseman, George Roundtree, Johnny Rowe and Bob Graham.

"They tried to take Rome man-to-man," Wilson explained, "and nobody can do that. When they moved into a zone, Bounds hit four straight from the outside to put them back into the man-to-man."

"David Demersseman did good floor work, and Roundtree, Rowe, and Graham did great on the boards."

Rome ended up with 34 points and 24 rebounds while Bounds and Demersseman added 10 each as the

'Cats earned their ninth win against two losses.

Wayne Taylor, Eddie Lee Sims and Terry Davis scored 22, 17, and 13 points respectively as the Rebs dropped their third loss in 15 starts.

A slow third quarter, which has become characteristic of the Kittens, iced the victory for the Rebelettes, coached by Dona Fields.

Coach Joe Mercer's Kittens were trailing 22-16 at the half, but only scored three in the next quarter, while giving up 14 to put the Rebelettes way ahead.

"Third quarters are always rough on us," Mercer said. "We've only had one game where we looked good in the third quarter this year."

Debra Smith and Carolyn Futch scored 17 and 12 points respectively to pace the Re-

belettes to their 13th victory in 17 starts while Gloria Thomas led the Kittens, who are now 2-7, with 15 markers.

GIRLS

Valdosta 8 16 19 27

Berrien 16 22 26 45

VALDOSTA (27) — Flanders 1, Robinson 7, Knight 2, Barker 1, Thomas 15, Hoyle, Durden.

Team totals: field goals 18, free throws 5 of 17, fouls 13.

BERRIEN (45) — Debra Smith 17, Debbie Harrell 9, Futch 12, Wright 4, McNabb 3, Swain, Harper.

Team totals: field goals 19, free throws 7 of 15, fouls 16.

BOYS

Valdosta 19 36 53 70

Berrien 18 35 51 69

VALDOSTA (70) — Rome 34, Bounds 10, Demersseman 10, Rowe 2, Roundtree 6, Smith 1, Graham 2, Peterson 5.

Team totals: field goals 28, free throws 14 of 31, fouls 19.

BERRIEN (69) — Taylor 22, Davis 13, Sims 17, Shaw 7, Rowe 3, Davis 7.

Team totals: field goals 26, free throws 17 of 25, fouls 20.

'Cats Chill Cougars As Kittens Fall

By TOM STEADMAN
Times Staff Writer

Valdosta's Wildcats used a pair of Stanford Rome free throws to ice down a victory, but it seemed the only thing icy for the Kittens was their shooting, as VHS split with Crisp County's Cougars and Cougarettes here Friday night.

Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats nudged the Cougars, 58-57, but the Kittens of coach Joe Mercer fell to the Cougarettes, 35-24, in the Region 1-AAA basketball twin-bill.

Wilson's charges led most of the way in the nip-and-tuck battle until a Mike Phillips jump shot put Crisp ahead, 55-54, with 37 seconds left on the clock.

Rome laid in a rebound with 28 seconds showing to put the Wildcats in the lead for good, then tucked the win away seconds later with his free throws.

The 6-4 sophomore blistered the nets for 26 markers and Bob Fluitt hit for 10 to pace the 'Cat attack, while Billy Dixon led the Crisp offense with 21 points.

Wilson said he was "awed and amazed" at the win. "We stood around and looked for most of the ball game," he moaned.

The relieved mentor said he had feared Crisp's superior height, particularly that of 6-10 junior Wayne Rollins.

"We knew that to win we had to get the ball inside to Rome and get him (Rollins) in trouble — and that's what we did," he added.

Rollins blocked eight Wildcat shots, six of them Rome's, before getting into foul trouble early in the second quarter.

Valdosta's third quarter

one-point victory raised their 1-AAA mark to 7-1, and their overall chart to 10-2. The quintet topped Tift 50-49 and Berrien 70-69 in their last two outings.

Mercer's Kittens kept it close before a ball-control Cougarette offense managed to pull away in the third stanza.

Elaine Robinson hit for 10 points and Sharon Flanders eight, but it wasn't enough to top the Crisp sextet.

Vicki David with 14 markers and Beth Raines with 12 paced the Cougarette attack.

The loss sank the Kittens 1-AAA chart to 2-6, and their season record to 2-3.

GIRLS

Valdosta	4	13	20	24
Crisp	4	15	26	35

VALDOSTA (24) — Robinson 10, Flanders 8, Knight 4, Thomas 2, Barker, Durden, Nelson.

Team totals: field goals 9, free throws 6 of 10, fouls 12.

CRISP (35) — David 14, Raines 12, Dean 4, Reynolds 2, Winfree 3, Childers, Harlemon.

Team totals: field goals 13, free throws 9 of 13, fouls 11.

BOYS

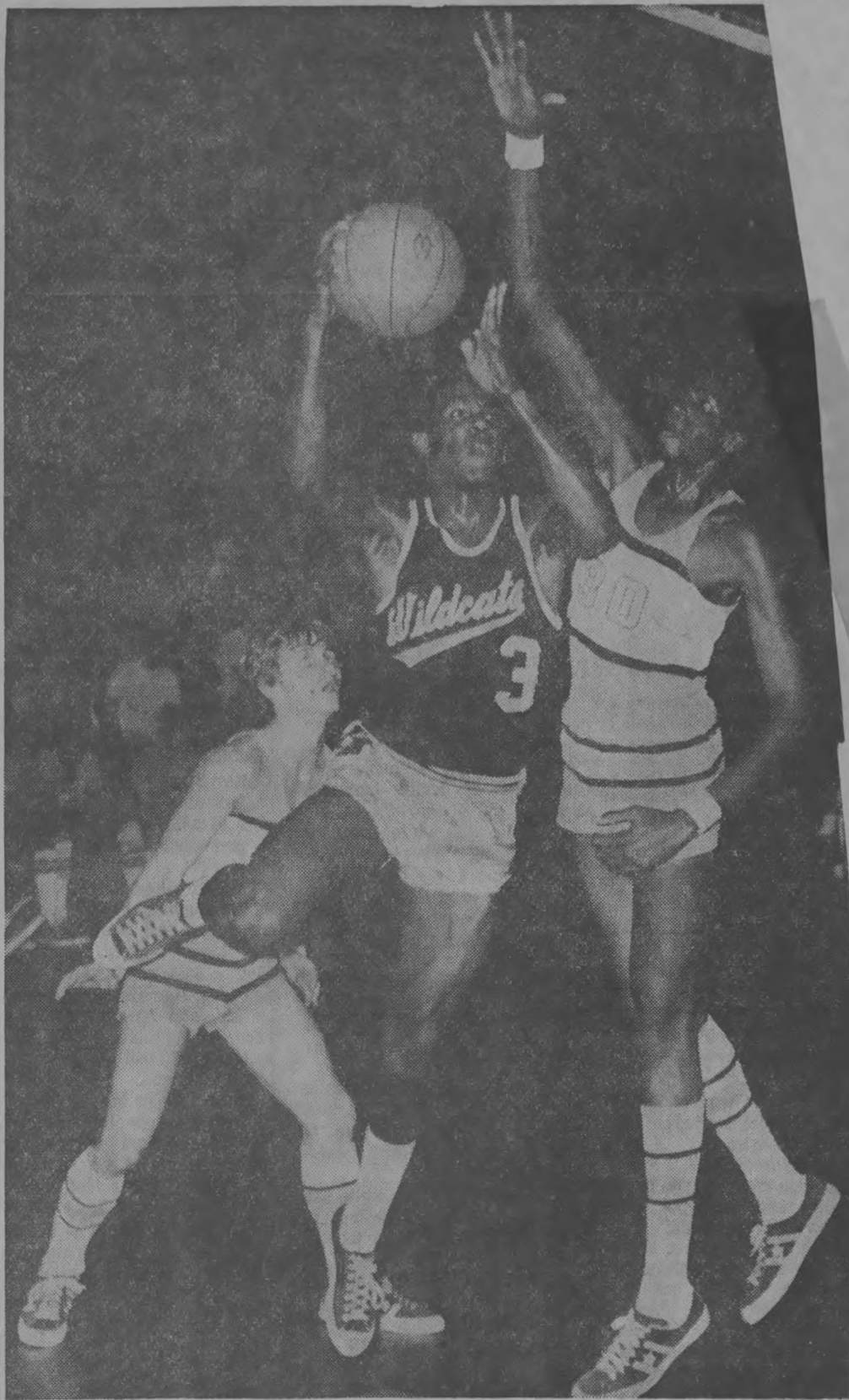
Valdosta	10	27	40	58
Crisp	12	24	37	57

VALDOSTA (58) — Rome 26, Fluitt 10, Bounds 8, Reuntree 8, Demesserman 4, Peterson 2, Rowe, Smith, Graham.

Team totals: field goals 20, free throws 18 of 29, fouls 12.

CRISP (57) — Dixon 21, Rollins 7, Phillips 6, Mathis 6, Howard 5, Childers 4, Hearn 4, Ellis 2, Harmon 2.

Team totals: field goals 25, free throws 7 of 12, fouls 20.



Valdosta's Stanford Rome Is 'Covered' By Crisp's Wayne Rollins

—Times Staff Photo

DE Chapter Plans TV Special

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High School's chapter of Distributive Education Clubs of America, under coordinator Norman Greene, is to produce an hour-long television special, tentatively set for Friday.

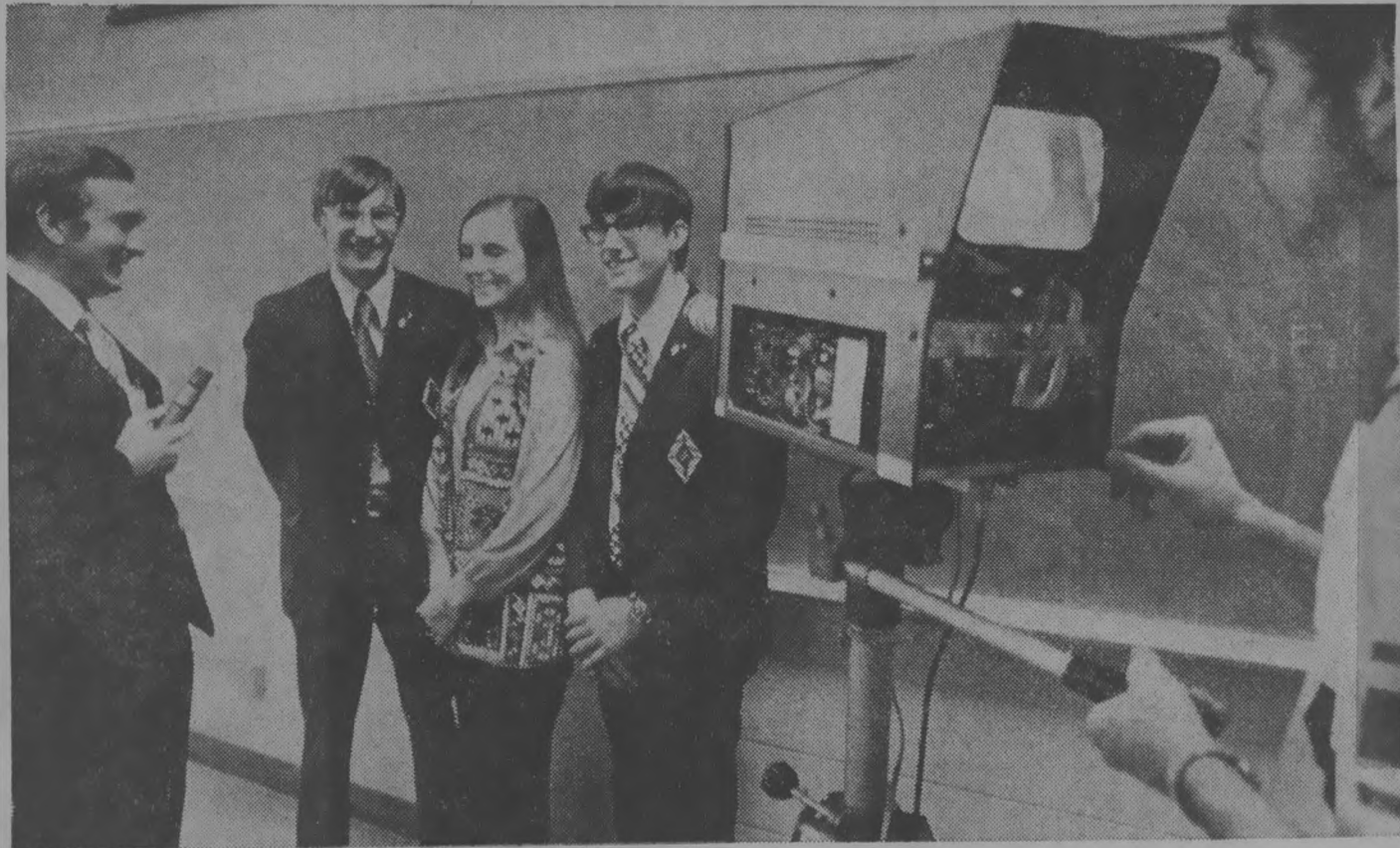
Greene said the 7:30 p. m. program on DE would include a presentation by DECA members, a panel discussion, and films of the upcoming Employer - Employee banquet.

"I feel that the idea is a new slant on the average television program," Greene said. "It will give the public a good deal more insight into the distributive education system and will be, I hope, an effective message."

The special is to be aired on Clearview of Georgia's Channel 4, Greene said, with air time to be donated by cable television officials.

JoLynn Johnston, Valdosta High DECA member and state secretary, is to appear on the program and present her views on the 40-year-old DE organization.

Greene, indicated area businessmen would be invited to participate in the activity.



Greene, left, DECA Members Ron Butler, JoLynn Johnston, Bob Montague: Effective Message

-Times Staff Photo

Initiated to provide quality education in marketing and distribution, DE today lists more than 300,000 members. Projected figures for the 1970's have indicated a membership of about 1 million, Greene said.

VHS Wins Region Debates

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High School's debate team, winner of Region 1-AAA honors, is to host Northside High of Warner Robins Saturday in the first round of state competition.

The 10 a. m. contest is to be held at Valdosta State College, with VSC providing judges.

The VHS entry, with affirmatives Mike Covington and Tony Powell and negatives Rany Williams and Woody Leonard, topped the region meet this week with a 4-0 score.

Debating on the theme "That mass media coverage of a felony offense subsequent to arrest should be limited by law to the court records until a verdict is rendered," the squad triumphed over entries from Dougherty County High and Lowndes High.

Marcia McRae, coach of the VHS team, showed veiled optimism in regard to the state meet. "We have the material, but as to whether or not we can pull it off, I don't know," she said.

'Cats Fall By A Point To Monroe

Special To The Times

ALBANY, Ga. — The best laid plans of mice, men and the Valdosta Wildcats off' go astray, or so it seemed here Friday night, as coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats fumbled away an eight point fourth quarter lead to drop a 66-65 decision to Monroe's Tornadoes.

Coach Joe Mercer's Kittens opened the high school basketball action with a 55-36 loss to the Lady Tornadoes, as the Albany school swept the Region 1-AAA twin-bill.

The Wildcats used an early rash of Monroe turnovers to build a 13-point second quarter lead, but lost it all in the last three minutes of play, when free throws seemed to be anything but free.

Stanford Rome hit for 30 points and 14 rebounds, but misfired on six foul shots in the closing minutes, leading Wilson's charges to a dismal 19 of 37 from the line for the night.

Wilson, while admitting the inability to hit free throws "didn't help any," was far

from pleased with a late-game epidemic of traveling calls on his 'Cats.

"I guess we aren't used to Columbus officials and the way they call," he explained.

A Valdosta steal under the Monroe basket with five seconds remaining gave the local quintet temporary life, but a half-court pass from George Rountree to Rome and a subsequent foul when Rome was slammed into the wall while shooting was nullified when one official indicated Rountree had stepped out of bounds at the start of the play.

Stanley Bounds contributed 10 markers to the 'Cat offense, while Curtis Trice paced Monroe with 18 points and 15 rebounds.

The loss dropped Wilson's quintet to 8-2 region and 10-3 overall records.

Mercer's Kittens were never really in contention, as the Lady Tornadoes succeeded in lowering them to 2-8 region and 2-10 overall charts.

Sharon Flanders, Ruby Knight and Gloria Thomas each hit for 18 to pace Monroe.

Wilson said Rome, although "shook up" by the last-second roughhousing, will probably still start in tonight's 1-AAA tilt here with Bainbridge.

GIRLS

Valdosta	7	14	25	36
Monroe	16	29	41	55

VALDOSTA (36) — Flanders 10, Knight 10, Thomas 10, Robinson 5, Barker, Durden, Folsom 1, Smith, Anderson.

Team totals: field goals 9, free throws 18 of 39, fouls 10.

MONROE (55) — Marshall 18, Harris 12, Homer 11, Sanders 6, Swann 2, Holmes, M. Jackson, N. Jackson, Isaac 2, Clemons 4, Woodall, Braswell, Spyre, Davis, Clyde, Mathis.

Team totals: field goals 26, free throws 3 of 11, fouls 24.

BOYS

Valdosta	20	40	55	65
Monroe	12	29	47	66

VALDOSTA (65) — Rome 30, Bounds 10, Peterson 2, Rowe 2, Rountree 6, Demersseman 8, Graham, Fluit 7.

Team totals: field goals 23, free throws 19 of 37, fouls 8.

MONROE (66) — Trice 18, Bryant 14, Reddick 12, Cooper 10, Britten 2, Ellis 2, James, Williams 8.

Team totals: field goals 29, free throws 8 of 9, fouls 22.

Tonight's Cage Slate

Valdosta, Lowndes Host Region Foes

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Area high school basketball teams are involved in 10 clashes tonight and two of the more interesting twin-bills are to be

AREA HOOP SLATE

Tonight
Tift at Lowndes
Crisp at Valdosta
Berrien at Camden
GCS at Mt. Moriah
BCC at Southland
Hamilton at Perry
Patterson at Lanier
Echols at Whigham
Appling at Cook
Atkinson at Clinch
Saturday
GCS at Alabama Christian
Valwood at Citizens
Southwest at BCC
Central at Brooks
Live Oak at Hamilton

And Lowndes Vikings and Vikettes use their own gym to host the Tift County Blue Devils and Angels from Tifton in the second Region 1-AAA doubleheader on tap here tonight.

Both those twin-bills begin with the girls games at 7 p.m. Saturday night, Lowndes resumes region action by resumes region action by hosting Thomasville's Bulldogs and Bulldogettes while Valdosta takes the night off.

Other games scheduled tonight put Berrien (Nashville, Ga.) at Camden County (Woodbine), Georgia Christian (Dasher) at Mt. Moriah (Attapulgis), Brooks County Christian (Dixie) at Southland (Americus), Hamilton

County (Jasper, Fla.) at Perry, Fla.; Patterson at Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.), Echols County (Statenville) at Whigham, Appling County (Baxley) at Cook (Adel), and Atkinson County (Pearson) at Clinch County (Homerville).

Saturday's schedule puts GCS at Alabama Christian, Valwood at Citizen's Christian (Douglas), Southwest Georgia (Damascus) at BCC, Central (Thomasville) at Brooks County (Quitman) and Live Oak, Fla., at Hamilton County.

Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats are going after their fifth straight victory when they put their 9-2 overall and 6-1 region records against the 8-3 and 6-3 Cougars from Cordele.

Meanwhile the Kittens coached by Joe Mercer, hope to improve on 2-7 and 2-5 records when they take on the 9-2 and 7-2 Cougarettes.

The last time Tift County's Blue Devils and Angels played in the Lowndes gym they swept both ends of the Lowndes Christmas Tournament.

This time coach Charles Cooper's 10-5 and 6-3 Vikings and the 9-6 and 6-3 Vikettes of coach Steve Kebler hope for better luck against the Tifton foes.

Coach Johnny Rutland's Imps bring a 10-6 and 5-5 record with them while the Angels of Sandra Withrow, lead the region with 14-1 and 10-0 records.

held in Valdosta.

Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens play host to the Crisp County Cougars and Cougarettes tonight in the gym on the Valdosta Junior High campus.

Grid Slates Set

Lowndes and Valdosta high school football teams have worked out their 1972 football schedules, and they include those non-region rivals again.

Central of Thomasville and Westover of Albany dropped down to Region 1-AA play, lowering the number of region teams to 10 and again giving every team a chance to play one non-league foe.

Valdosta is to replace Westover with their traditional rivals from Waycross High while Lowndes' Vikings add region foe Albany in place of Westover, and next door neighbor Brooks County (Quitman) to replace Central.

Except for the substitution of Waycross for Westover, Valdosta's schedule is the same as their 1970 slate.

But Viking coach Noel George did some changing to remedy a situation that left them with a five-week stretch without a home game.

He did so by moving Lowndes' open date to the first weekend of the season, the same as their first foe Moultrie. He then rescheduled the Thomasville game on Sept. 20, which would have been the open date.

Defeat VHS In State

Northside Debaters Win

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Northside High School of Warner Robins debate team, coached by a Lowndes County native, defeated Valdosta High's crew in the first round of the state class AAA debates here Saturday.

Northside, the Region 2-AAA winner, downed VHS, the Region 1-AAA winner, 5-1 in the quarterfinals.

On the winning team are Banks Brazell and Tom Bethune, affirmatives, and Gary Steele and Richard Bramblett, negatives.

Their director, Terry H. Carter, is son of Mrs. Lawton H. Carter of Lake Park. He was named Georgia's speech teacher of the year in 1971 by the Georgia Speech Communication Association and is in his fifth

year at the Warner Robins school. He is also technical director of drama at NHS.

A Lowndes High graduate, Carter is a 1967 graduate of Valdosta State College.

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tives Rany Williams and Woody Leonard, coached by Marcia McRae.

The debate was on the theme "That mass media coverage of a felony offense subsequent to arrest should be limited by law to the court records until a verdict is rendered."

Tuesday's Slate

'Cats, Pack Clash

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats, hoping for their sixth consecutive victory, and the Kittens, looking for their first win after three losses, host a tough group of Moultrie Packers and Packerettes in a basketball twin-bill here Tuesday.

The Region 1-AAA affair is just one of eight clashes involving area teams scheduled to be played Tuesday night.

Other area action puts Brooks County Christian (Dixie) at Valwood, Cook (Adel) at Fitzgerald, Clinch County (Homerville) at Nichols, Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.) at Blackshear, Brooks County (Quitman) at Georgia Christian (Dasher), Echols County (Statenville) at St. George, and Hamilton County (Jasper, Fla.) at Sante Fe, Fla.

Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats started out their season with a 7-2 record over the then undefeated Packers, while the Packerettes defeated the Kittens

coached by Joe Mercer, 60-40.

When the 'Cats go up against the Packers Tuesday in the gym on the Valdosta Junior High campus, they'll take along a 10-

Area Hoop Slate
TUESDAY
Moultrie at Valdosta
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Cook at Fitzgerald
Lanier at Blackshear
Clinch at Nichols
Brooks at GCS
Echols at St. George
Hamilton at Sante Fe

2 overall and 7-1 region record, along with a six-game win streak. The Packers come into the clash, 4-11 and 3-8.

The Kittens will be hoping to improve on 2-8 and 2-6 slates against the 10-5, and 8-3 Pack-

erettes.

In private school action, Valwood's Valiants and Lady Valiants are scheduled to host another area school, Brooks County Christian's Cougars and Cougarettes, Tuesday.

Coach Marty Lehman's Valiants bring a 7-2 overall record into the clash while coach Bob Dowda's Lady Valiants hope to improve on a 1-6 mark.

The Cougars and Cougarettes from Dixie, both coached by Mike Bland, hope to improve on 4-12 and 6-9 respective records after six-game losing streaks.

They Attribute Success To Their DE Experience

STAFF WRITER

participating in the Education program by the training receive on the job in the classroom to success.

Former DE students, Jones and Linda Hancock, attribute much success to their experience as DECA members. Both women agree that DE helped them perform efficiently in their pre-employment jobs at Sears.

Beth Jones was introduced to DE at Valdosta High School in 1960. She remained an active member until her graduation in 1962. She served as parliamentarian during her first year and as secretary during her second year. Jones was employed at Carson's Drug Store from 1961 to 1962. During her tenure she worked at C. C. Hedcoe and Company, where she continued to work for two years following her graduation.

"DE helps to prepare students who are getting ready to go out on their own. The students gain a sense of responsibility and independence. These traits help them to develop potential that otherwise would have gone unnoticed," she said.



Selling Towels and Things: Linda Hancock and Elizabeth Jones at Sears

Mrs. Jones has been employed by Sears since August 1965 and presently division manager of two home fashion departments. She was division manager of the fashion sportswear department for five years previously.

In addition to her job, Mrs. Jones has remained active in community work. She served as secretary of the Jaycettes in 1968-1970. She was also a candidate for the Junior Woman's Club woman of the year.

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Diamond Emblem Significant

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The DECA diamond holds all the truths of Distributive Education. Although the DECA emblem is a familiar sight at VHS few take the time to really see the significance and meaning.

The four points of the diamond stand for vocational understanding, civic consciousness, social intelligence, and leadership development.

After participation in the DE program, a student is well prepared to take his vocational understanding.

In the DE program the student studies community needs and helps plan for community betterment. The student learns to recognize his obligation to the community. From this he develops civic consciousness.

Social intelligence is taught in DE through activities and social events sponsored by the club. Through this the DECA member develops his poise and social grace that are so necessary in our ever-growing society.

The DE program holds many activities throughout the year which supply opportunities for students to participate and teach each student to be good leaders as well as good followers.

In the center of the DECA diamond is a wrapped package. This package stands for a job well done and a well rounded education. This is achieved through the cooperation of the school administration, teachers, parents, and businessmen all working together to develop the student.

These are the truths of DECA. Her symbol is the diamond; "A diamond is forever," therefore DECA is forever.

Valdostan Is State Secretary

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Jo Lynn Johnson is a member of the Distributive Education Club at Valdosta High School and also is the state secretary of Georgia DECA.

As an active senior at VHS, Jo Lynn has been on the Student Council, the Student Body and is treasurer of the Sigma Delta Theta sorority. In her junior year, Jo Lynn was the class treasurer and was president of the freshman class.

Jo Lynn's duties as state secretary vary from being responsible for the minutes of all state meetings.

She is also on the Georgia DECA Student Council and is one of the representatives of the Southern Region of National DECA.



JO LYNN JOHNSON Honor Student

Although Jo Lynn is busy with all of her DE and school activities she holds a job at Belk - Hudson's Department Store and is an honor roll student.

DE Alumnus To Study Opera

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

John Porter, a DE alumnus, has been awarded a Fulbright scholarship by the U. S. government to study opera at the Vienna Academy of Music.

Porter is a graduate of Valdosta High School and Georgia Tech. He has been employed by Georgia Power Company in Atlanta for the past six years.

Porter became involved in DE in 1958 and actively participated in club activities. He competed in the speech contests, winning first place in the state and third place in the nation. In addition to these achievements he was also named State Reporter of the Year.

Porter was the featured soloist with the Fletcher Wolfe Chorale last spring in its presentation of Brahms' "A German Requiem." He also sang with the DeKalb Repertory Singers in the American Opera.



JOHN PORTER Going To Vienna

"Susannah." Porter has sung with the Atlanta Chamber Opera Society and Opera Atlanta and appeared in many productions at Emory University. Some of his roles include Sorastor, Don Pasquale, The Magic Flute and La Navarraise, Fidelio.

Today Proclaim Valdosta DE Day

This morning at the annual DE Day breakfast of Distributive Education Club at Valdosta High School, Mayor Aubrey J. Stump read a proclamation declaring Dec. 17, 1971, as DE Day in Valdosta.

Present for the declaration and breakfast were school officials, Lloyd Mims, VHS principal; Foster Goolsby, superintendent for city schools; Bill Glenn, former VHS DE coordinator, who is now assistant to the director at the Valdosta Area Vocational School; and Phil Waldon, DE coordinator at Lowndes High School. Alumni and current DE students also attended.

John B. Lastinger, executive vice president of the Valdosta Chamber of Commerce, was the guest speaker. Lastinger spoke on the purpose of the Chamber of Commerce, the activities it participates in and what is required to enter this field of work.

Other activities sponsored by the club members on their day of recognition include spots on the radio, which will promote the DE program in this area. Marches around town also related messages of support from citizens.

Club members made signs to display at the businesses who employ DE students. DE Day is also a day of teacher appreciation. Club members served all teachers with refreshments. Bulletin boards were displayed around the school informing non-members of the objectives of the DE program.

At noon today an advisory



MAYOR STUMP Read Proclamation

board luncheon was held at the school cafeteria at which club officers met with job advisors and discussed future plans and program development.

Know Your Employer Parents Expect The Best

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

At the beginning of the year students look forward to attaining new jobs and getting to know new people, especially their employer.

Four students in the DE Club at Valdosta High School knew their employer quite well because they were employed by their parents.

Jay Taylor, employed by Conoly Furniture; Nancy Parrish, who works for Harvey's Grocery; Tony Dasher,

employed by Dasher's Grocery, and Perry Welch, an employee of Pronto Press, all agree that working for their parents has improved their relationship with them.

When asked if it was easier to work for parents the four students indicated that it was easier because their abilities and hardships were better understood.

Also it was easier to get off work when a meeting

came up. They related that in working for their parents, it was necessary to put forth their very best because more was required from them than other employees.

Realizing that many parents who own businesses like to dream of the day when their children take over the management, the four DE students are preparing themselves by taking courses related to the business or investigating other interest to some day go into partnership or take over where Dad left off.



Perry Welch, Left, Makes Plates Under Watchful Eye of Dad

Value Of DECA Shown To Parents

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Thursday night, Dec. 16, the doors of the Distributive Education classroom at Valdosta High School opened to the parents of students participating in the program.

The purpose of the open house was to inform and invite the parents of DE students to the program.

Man Greene, VHS coordinator said, "If more parents realized the true value of the DE program and the help it helped the students grow and develop their fullest potential the program and the outside world would be a better place."

Parents were then invited to have refreshments with the students.

DE classroom. "Marketing and Distribution Manuals", "Studies in Marketing", and "Creative Marketing Manuals" were on display.

As a further effort to inform the parents of the goals of the DE work-study program, a slide presentation about Distributive Education was shown, narrated by Jo Lynn Johnston, State DECA Secretary.

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'Cats Dump Pack, Split Twin-Bill

By JULIAN MILLER
Times Sports Writer

Using the second half scoring antics of Stanford Rome and Bob Fluitt, Valdosta's Wildcats eased out a 12-point victory over Moultrie's Packers to split a Region 1-AAA basketball twin-bill here Tuesday night.

The Wildcats managed to hold onto the lead most of the game, but didn't build a convincing lead until the second half, in their 64-52 victory over the Packers. Meanwhile, the sharpshooting Packerettes surged to a 58-36 win over the Kittens.

Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats found their shooting ice cold when the Packers began freezing scoring leader Stanford Rome from under the basket.

In the second quarter they saw their 11-4 lead dwindle away behind the efforts of 6-8 Gene Pate and Maris Richardson, and the Pack finally took the lead twice, 18-17 and 21-19, in the second quarter. But Fluitt started hitting from the outside to gain the halftime lead for the 'Cats, 27-23.

With Fluitt firing away accurately from the outside, the Packers released their pressure on Rome in the middle and the 6-4 sophomore picked up 21 points in the second half to boost his total to 30 for the night.

Fluitt, returning to starting action after a brief time on the bench with a sprained ankle, brought in 11 points in the second half, to push his total for the night to 19. The 'Cats boosted their overall record to 11-2 and copped their eighth league win against one loss.

Pate and Richardson led the now 4-12, and 3-9 Packers with 13 points apiece.

"I don't know if we played that bad or if we were looking forward to Monroe more than we should have been," Wilson said. The 'Cats meet the second placed Monroe Tornados in Albany Friday night.

"Pate has improved a great deal since the last time we playe them."

Pate and Exum Miller helped push Rome from the center to make the 'Cats rely more on their outside shooters.

Coach Joe Mercer's Kittens found they not only couldn't keep up with the taller, faster Packerettes in scoring, but they couldn't pass with them, shoot with them, or rebound with them.

As a result, the Packerettes had a 15-point lead before the Kittens ever scored. Shooting a blistering 66 per cent from the field against the Kittens' low 20's, the Packerettes surged ahead to post their 11-5, and 9-3 records.

Gloria Thomas tallied 10 points for the now 2-9 and 2-7 Kittens. But they weren't enough to keep up with Moultrie's Dale Bridges, Donna Taylor and Rhonda DeMott with 18, 13, and 10 points respectively.

The twin-bill ended like the two schools' first meeting when 'Cats opened their season with a 77-62 win over the Packers and the Kittens fell 60-40 in Moultrie.

In preliminary action, the Baby Wildcats defeated the Baby Packers in a junior varsity game, 67-40. Robin Holley

and Jerome Coachman scored 10 apiece to lead the winners.

GIRLS

Valdosta	2	12	22	36
Moultrie	19	35	47	58

VALDOSTA (36) — Flanders 8, Robinson 9, Knight 7, Thomas 10, Warlick, Folsom, Barker, Durden, Smith, Anderson, Cobb, Nelson, Fryshier, Loving, Strom, Stewart, Duncan.

Team totals: field goals 6, free throws 24 of 41, fouls 21.

MOULTRIE (58) — Taylor 13, Bridges 18, R. DeMott 10, K. DeMott 3, Davidson 2, Hewett 2, Burgess 2, McCardie 2, Duncan 4, Allman, Lee, Turner, Hancock, Jenkins, L. Jenkins, Baker.

Team totals: field goals 18, free throws 20 of 33, fouls 29.

BOYS

Valdosta	127	44	64
Moultrie	4	23	36

VALDOSTA (64) — Rome 30, Fluitt 19, Smith 2, Peterson 2, Bounds 4, Rowe 2, DeMersseman, Graham.

Team totals: field goals 30, free throws 6 of 13, fouls 10.

MOULTRIE (52) — Richardson 13, Pate 13, Goff 9, E. Richardson 8, Miller 9, Harrison, Benton, Hammock.

Team totals: field goals 23, free throws 6 of 13, fouls 11.

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'Cats, Vikes Face Fights

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

One team's loss is another's gain, and vice-versa... and when Monroe's Tornadoes announced they'll be gaining Marvin Williams this weekend Valdosta Wildcat coach Joe Wilson probably shivered.

Williams, a 6-4 senior, was the leading scorer for the Tornadoes last season before a run-in with a shotgun blast at an Albany teen center put him on the sidelines.

Williams, rejoins the Tornadoes after sitting out the first of the season with a grade problem... just in time to meet Wilson's Wildcats in half of a Region 1-AAA high school basketball twin-bill.

While the 'Cats and Kittens travel to Monroe's gym, Lowndes Vikings and Vikettes travel to Cordele to meet the Crisp County Cougars and Cougarettes.

Other area action tonight pits Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.) at Clinch County (Homerville), Ware County (Waycross) at Cook (Adel), Doerun at Georgia Christian (Dasher), Norman Park at Echols County (Statenville), Brooks County (Quitman) at Mitchell County (Camilla), Fullington Academy (Pinehurst) at Brooks County (Camilla), Fullington Academy (Pinehurst) at Brooks County Christian (Dixie), Southwood (Waycross) at Valwood,

Region 1-AAA Standings

BOYS			GIRLS		
	Overall	Region		Overall	Region
Albany	16-2	10-1	Tift	16-1	11-0
Valdosta	11-2	8-1	Crisp	11-2	9-2
Monroe	15-2	9-2	Monroe	11-3	8-3
Lowndes	12-3	8-3	T'Ville	14-3	7-3
T'Ville	12-5	7-4	Lowndes	9-8	6-5
Crisp	8-5	6-5	Central	7-8	4-5
Tift	11-7	4-7	Westover	5-8	3-7
Bainbridge	6-9	5-8	Valdosta	2-9	2-7
Dougherty	8-10	4-8	Bainbridge	4-12	4-8
Westover	2-12	1-9	Albany	1-13	1-10
			Dougherty	1-15	1-11

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and Hamilton County (Jasper, Fla.) at Lake City, Fla.

Saturday night Valdosta hosts Bainbridge and Lowndes takes on Central in Thomasville in two other region twin-bills while Brooks County of Albany in the Boston gym.

The 'Cats, in second place in the region with 11-2 and 8-1 records, expect fierce competition from the third placed, 15-3, and 9-2 Tornadoes, especially in the Monroe gym.

Until Tuesday night, Valdosta was the only region team to have defeated the Tornadoes in their own gym, in a 49-48 decision in the 1969-70 season. But Tuesday night, the Tornadoes fell to first-placed Albany, 53-51, and Wilson is sure they won't be in a losing frame of mind tonight.

"Monroe has a tremendous ball club," Wilson said. "Our kids have been looking forward to playing them. They're mighty tough on their home court and since they just got beat there, they'll be

tougher than ever."

Leading the way for the 'Cats is the region's second leading scorer, Stanford Rome (6-4, soph.) with a 28-point scoring average and over 20 rebounds.

Starting with him are Stanley Bounds (6-0, sr.), Bob Fluitt (6-1, jr.), George Roundtree (6-2, jr.), and David Demerssman (5-11, soph.). Other players include Johnny Rowe (6-5, sr.), Bobby Graham (6-3, jr.), William Peterson (5-9, sr.) and Dewayne Smith (5-10, soph.).

In the girls game, coach Joe Mercer's Kittens will be hoping to improve on 2-9 and 2-7 records but get little hope against the 11-3 and 8-3 Lady Tornadoes.

Coach Charles Cooper's Vikings, hoping to add to four-game win streak, fourth place in region sings, meet perhaps the t front line in the region in dele.

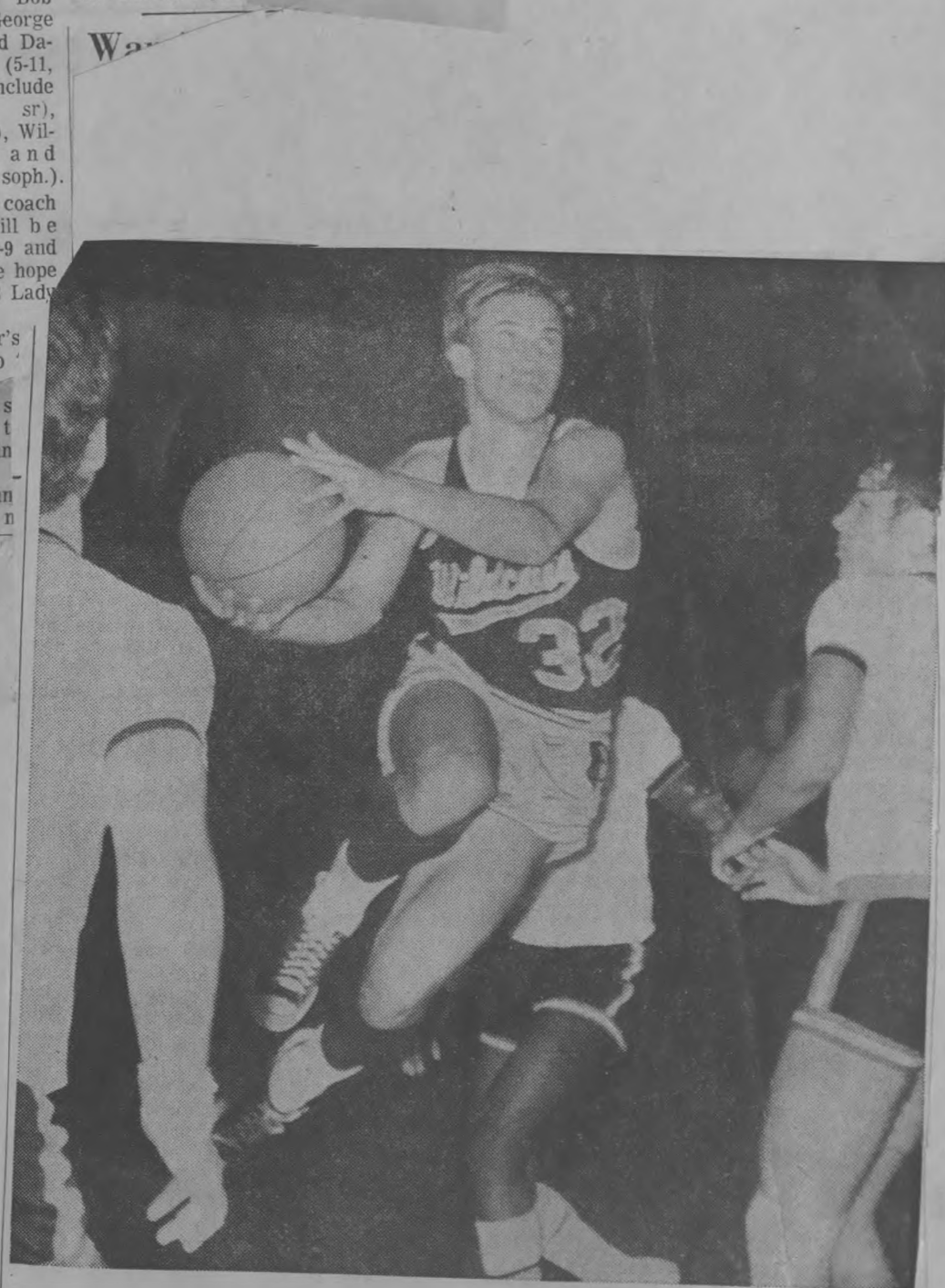
Starting for the 8-5 and Crisp Cougars are cen

Wayne Rollins (6-10, jr.), and forwards Ricky Mathis (6-5, jr.), and Billy Dixon (6-3, jr.).

The Vikings, 12-5 and 8-3, are one of the shortest clubs around with Devin Wetherington (6-1, sr.) and Earnest Carter (6-3, sr.), leading the scoring with 20 and 12 points. Others starters include Mason Barfield (6-5, jr.), Paul Dubose (6-4, jr.), and Keith Humphrey (6-2, sr.).

Vicky David, a 5-7 senior, leads the way for the second-placed, 11-2 and 9-2 Cougarettes, who'll be facing coach Steve Kebler's Vikettes.

Lou Lumley (5-5, sr.) and Deborah Ard (5-2, soph.) lead the Lowndes girls.



'Cats' David Demerssman Eyes Goal Before Passing to Stanford Rome for Basket

-Times Staff Photo

New Courses Planned For VHS

By MARY CROUSE

A course of independent study is to be implemented at Valdosta High School this fall.

Taught by Barney Pruvit, a Valdosta State College biology instructor, it is designed to let advanced math, science and English students study in the areas in which they are most interested.

"This has a lot of potential and we are really excited about it. The students will be allowed to go as deep into the subject matter they choose as they want," said principal Lloyd Mims.

Several other new courses are being planned for the 1972-73 curriculum and several existing courses are getting a face-lifting, said Mims.

The expansion of the curriculum and revamping tactics are part of the administration's efforts to upgrade academic standards at Valdosta High.

Several of the new ideas will have to be post-poned a year because the new \$4.5 million comprehensive VHS may not be completed in time for use this September. A more likely target date for opening is Jan. 3, 1973.

Many of the new history and English courses planned for this fall will have to wait another year for implementation, said Mims.

The new courses are designed for the quarter system of operation which won't go into effect until September of 1973 if the new facility doesn't open this fall.

"Even if we don't get in un-

til the middle of the year we'll start many of the new ideas in September. We just can't wait any longer to do these things. We've got to continue to help and teach students," said Mims.

An advanced composition course for seniors who are college bound is to start in September. The 12th graders in this class are to learn how to write papers for college courses the following year.

Another course designed to help the college prep students is personal typing. Students are to learn how to type term and research papers on the university level, explained Mims.

Consultants from Valdosta State College will be available to help with the English composition and personal typing courses, he said.

Typing services is a new course to help the classroom teacher. Students in typing classes are to be assigned specific jobs, instead of routine class exercises, to take some of the clerical load off regular teachers.

"If a teacher has a test he needs the next period or lecture notes typed up, he can go to the typing services class and get it done. The teachers are really looking forward to that," said Mims.

A class in Afro-American history is to be added, an area which has long been neglected, said the principal.

Reading is to be stressed in the lower levels in the ninth grade and basic composition is to be taught in the



LLOYD MIMS

'Really Excited'

lower levels in the 10th grade.

"We can't do anything with those students in the lower learning levels until we teach them to read and construct a simple sentence. It's useless

to try anything else until they have accomplished this," said Mims.

He wants to get a reading specialist at the school this fall to coordinate the program for the slower learners. A special reading lab is being planned for the new facility but Mims said he can't wait until the middle of the year to begin the instruction. It's needed now, he said.

Journalism I and II are planned for those who show an interest in writing for the student newspaper. Sophomores are eligible for the first course and the second class is open to juniors and seniors.

A class in psychology along with debate I and II and Drama I and II are to be offered this fall.

"There seems to be enough enthusiasm in the debate and drama classes to warrant another course. Some of the students have done so well this year that it would be a shame not to give them something else to work toward. We have some good talent in the drama and debate areas," said the principal.

The physical education program is being completely revamped. Beginning PE is slated for the ninth and 10th graders while advanced courses are set for the 11th and 12th graders.

Health and first aid courses are planned along with some coed instruction. The gymnastics program will be delayed until the new high school is

opened, said Mims.

There will be a unit touching on sex education but a comprehensive course has not been planned, he said.

The foreign language department is also getting a much needed facial. The emphasis will be on conversational expression and third year French, German, Latin and Spanish is to be offered this fall, said Mims.

"We're trying to teach kids how to get along with each other and those outside the school grounds. The emphasis will be on relating what they have learned here to their everyday life to prepare them for jobs or further training or college when they finish at Valdosta High," he said.

"We're dealing in people and they need to learn to cope with the situations of 1970's. The courses have to be relevant and the teachers have to make them so.

"I have a good faculty that is willing to do this," he said. "We've seen a revived interest in learning and teaching this year. The attitudes of the students are good and this is an important sign. We can't let them down and we won't."

'Dosta Girls Lose

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats, despite what coach Joe Wilson termed a sub-par game, smothered Bainbridge's Bearcats here Saturday night, earning a split in the Region 1-AAA high school twin-bill.

Kitten met Kitten to open the basketball action, with coach Joe Mercer's Valdosta sextet being dropped by the visitors for their fifth consecutive defeat.

Wilson's charges romped to an 11- point lead at the half and held on for a 67-52 win, but Mercer's Kittens fell 46-32.

Stanford Rome led the 'Cat offense with 27 markers, and David Demersseman added 12, as Valdosta raced to a 9-2 region mark and a 12-3 overall record.

James Love paced the visiting Bearcats with 23 points.

"We had a let-down," Wilson commented after the win, referring to his squad's 66-65 loss to Monroe the night before. "I just don't think either team out there played up to its capabilities," he admitted.

The Wildcat mentor praised the steadiness of Demersseman (5-11, soph.) and the defensive play of Bob Fluitt (6-1, jr.) and George Roundtree (6-2, jr.) as factors in the win.

"William Peterson (5-9, sr.) and Bob Graham (6-3, jr.) came off the bench to spark us at times," Wilson added.

Gloria Thomas fired in 12 points for the Kittens, but it wasn't enough to offset the visitors' Myrvin Sims and her 22 markers. Mercer's sex-

et sank to a 2-11 season chart and a 2-9 1-AAA ledger.

Not since Jan. 7, when they dumped Westover 41-39, have the Kittens managed to come out on top.

GIRLS	
Valdosta	8 12 26 32
Bainbridge	12 26 37 46
VALDOSTA (32) — Flanders 3, Robinson 9, Knight 8, Folsom, Barker, Durden, Thomas 12, Smith.	
Team totals: field goals	11, free throws
10 of 17, fouls 10.	

BAINBRIDGE (46) — 22, McCall 5, Smiley 2, Stinson, Baulkman.

Team totals: field goals

10 of 22, fouls 14.

BOYS

Valdosta

Bainbridge

VALDOSTA (67) — Pele

Bounds 6, Rowe 4, Round

man 12, Graham 4, Fluitt

Team totals: field goals

19 of 33, fouls 15.

BAINBRIDGE (52) — J

King 18, Wells 3, Howard

Jeffrey 2.

Team totals: field goals

12 of 22, fouls 11.

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'Cats Top Bulldogs

Score Tells Whole Story

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

THOMASVILLE — T w o last minute free throws by Stanford Rome gave Valdosta's Wildcats a 76-74 basketball victory over Thomasville here Tuesday night and head coach Joe Wilson says no score has ever been more indicative of a ball game.

The victory, in a game that saw the lead tied 19 times, and change hands 36 more, came just after the Thomasville Bulldogettes had defeated coach Joe Mercer's Kittens 50-30 to split the Region 1-AAA doubleheader.

"That's t h e shootingest game I've ever seen in my 40 years of basketball," Wilson said. "Neither team has anything to be ashamed of after that. Everyone played a tremendous game."

The Bulldogs, now 6-6 in region play and 12-7 overall, jumped ahead 5-0, the biggest margin anyone was to have in the game.

But with 3:02 remaining in the opening stanza, the 'Cats tied it up at 8-8 on Bob Graham's basket and the race was on.

It was the final minute of play that brought the climax, however. The Bulldogs carried a 74-70 lead into the last minute but Rome and B o b Fluitt sank two field goals to tie it up 74-74 with 33 seconds left.

Thomasville missed t w o shots under its basket with 20 second left and Valdosta rebounded to take the ball back to its own basket where another field goal attempt missed.

That's w h e n Bulldog Lavon Keadle grabbed the rebound and raced downcourt for a flying jump shot that missed its mark. But after he

fired he came down on Stanford Rome and was called for charging. Rome hit the two free throws with four second left.

The 6-3 sophomore, who led the Valdosta attack with 22 points, then intercepted a Thomasville pass to make sure his two - point margin stood.

"Everyone who played did a great job for both teams," Wilson offered, "When they began to sag in on Stanford, actually putting three men on him under the basket, Stanley Bounds and Fluitt started hitting from outside, and I don't believe they missed more than three shots between them the last half."

Bounds scored 18 markers followed by Fluitt with 12 and David DeMersseman with 11. George Roundtree helped dominate the rebounding with eight as the 'Cats boosted their record to 13-3 overall and 10-2 in league standings.

Keadle scored 26 for the Bulldogs followed by Charles Gordon with 20, Raymond Kirbo with 14, Ken Gattlin with 12, and David Heard with two. Those five starters were the only Bulldogs to see action.

Free throws, which usually aren't Valdosta's specialty, made the difference in the game. The 'Cats sank 10 of 16 while the home team hit six of 16, to make up for a 34-33 deficit from the floor.

In the girls game, the Bulldogettes shot a miserably low percentage but still managed to boost their record to 16-3 while dropping the Kittens to 2-12 and 2-10.

The home sextet, hitting only 27 per cent from the field, compared to Valdosta's 38, scored only one basket the first quarter and sank their second with 1:16 left in the half before turning on the steam and drowning the Kittens.

Sharon Flanders was the only Valdosta girl in double figures with 11 points.

GIRLS

Valdosta	6	8	12	30
Thomasville	8	20	32	50

VALDOSTA (30) — Flanders 11, Robinson 9, Knight 5, Folsom 2, Barker, Durden 1, Fryslier 2, Anderson, Smith, Loving, Storm.

Team totals: field goals 9, free throws 12 of 24, fouls 17.

THOMASVILLE (50) — Bechnell 10, Oade 11, Faulk 8, Gardner 15, Garfield 2, Springle 4, Davis, Williams.

Team totals: field goals 17, free throws 16 of 28, fouls 18.

BOYS

Valdosta	13	24	52	76
Thomasville	12	27	51	74

VALDOSTA (76) — Rome 22, Bounds 18, Fluitt 12, Demersseman 11, Roundtree 8, Graham 3, Rowe 2, Peterson.

Team totals: field goals 33, free throws 10 of 16, fouls 8.

THOMASVILLE (74) — Keadle 26, Kirbo 14, Gordon 20, Gattlin 12, Heard 2.

Team totals: field goals 34, free throws 6 of 16, fouls 11.

'Dosta Falls To Dougherty Upset

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

ALBANY — An upset, that's what it was.

But to Valdosta's Wildcats, that's an understatement because their 65-61 loss to eighth-placed Dougherty's Trojans not only put the damper on their Region 1-AAA regular season but ended their hopes of taking the top seed in the league tournament here Saturday night.

At the same time, the Kittens found the Trojanettes weren't giving up anything

in their own gym as the Dougherty girls marched off a 66-37 thrashing to sweep the twin-bill.

"We've got no excuses," Wildcat coach Joe Wilson declared. "They just outplayed us. We got behind and caught up, got behind and caught up, and then missed a chance to catch up one last time when a pass went astray."

The two quintets mixed it up in the first quarter, and the score changed hands five times before the Trojans carried a nine-point lead in to the second quarter. There they raised it 11 points, the largest lead of the night.

In the third quarter, Valdosta's Stanford Rome cut the hometown lead to 34-33 and then stole the ball for a lay-up to take the lead 36-35, with 3:56 left in the stanza.

But Dougherty's Quimbley got it back with a field goal and the Trojans went seven points up again.

Johnny Rowe pushed a rebound back into the basket with only seven minutes of play remaining to cut the lead to 47-46, and then Rome's two free throws gave VHS its last lead of the night with 6:45 remaining.

With 1:11 remaining the 'Cats had again eaten away a seven-point lead and were trailing 62-61 when a traveling penalty on Dougherty turned the ball over. But trying to get the ball to Rome, the pass went wild and into Bobby Winkfield's hands. We just held on until he was fouled in a rush for possession. His two free throws with four seconds left iced the win for the Trojans.

The 'Cats, who were tied with Albany for the region lead, now drop to 16-4 overall and 13-3 in region play for second place, while the Trojans boost their record to 11-12 and 7-9.

Rome brought in 22 points for the 'Cats but the Trojans used the combined effort of George Quimbley with 22, Marvin Thomas with 14, Harry Solomon with 13, and Winkfield with 10 for the win.

Coach Joe Mercer's Kittens and the Trojanettes both came into their battle trying to get out of a three-way tie for the region cellar. The Dougherty girls wasted no time in showing they wanted out.

Sharon Flanders and Elaine Robinson scored 17 and 10 points for the Kittens, who fell to 2-16 and 2-14. The Tro-

janettes are now 3-17 and 3-13.

The Valdosta teams see action again tonight when they close their regular season with a grudge match against Berrien's Rebels and Rebelettes from Nashville, Ga., in the Valdosta Junior High gym.

GIRLS

Valdosta	6	19	30
Dougherty	15	35	48

VALDOSTA (37) — Flanders 17, inson 10, Knight 5, Barker, Durden 2, Smith 1, Anderson, Fry, Duncan, Loving, Wartick, Stronwart.

Team totals: field goals 10, 17 of 28.

DOUGHERTY (66) — Lutz 15, Kraft 14, Pratt 17, Guancion, Johnson, Howington, Eads, ers 2, Day 3, L. Hines 2, Youngs

Team totals: field goals 24, 18 of 32.

BOYS

Valdosta	10	65
Dougherty	19	61

VALDOSTA (61) — Rome 12, Rowman 8, Bounds 1, Roundtr 12, Rowe 5, Peterson 4, Grahams

Team totals: field goals 23, 15 of 28, fouls 14.

DOUGHERTY (65) — Can 1, Solomon 13, Quimbley 22, Shine 4, Winkfield 10.

Team totals: field goals 26, 12 of 20, fouls 14.

Top Four Teams Play

Region Watches Local Tilts

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Region 1-AAA looks in on basketball games to be played here this weekend, with the top four teams in the league taking part.

Valdosta's Wildcats, number two in the standings, play host to number one Albany, while the number four Lowndes Vikings host third-placed Monroe of Albany in two region twin-bills here Friday.

Saturday night, area fans take a special interest when Valdosta and Lowndes stage

the Valdosta Junior High campus.

All those doubleheaders get underway at 7 p.m. with the girls games.

Other area action slated Friday includes Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.) at Charlton County (Folkston), Clinch County (Homerville) at Brantley County (Nahunta), Echols County (Statenville) at Mt. Moriah (Attapulugus), Georgia Christian School (Dasher) at Norman Park, Berrien (Nashville, Ga.) at Jeff Davis (Hazelhurst), Brookwood (Thomasville) at Valwood, Brooks County Christian (Dixie) at Tift area (Tifton), and Hamilton County (Jasper, Fla.) at Jefferson County (Monticello, Fla.).

Saturday's schedule puts Charlton County (Folkston) at Echols, Brooks County (Quitman) at Thomasville, Valwood at BBDS (Savannah), BCC at Bainbridge Christian, and FAMU High (Tallahassee, Fla.) at Hamilton.

The Wildcat-Albany Indian clash not only puts the num-

ber one and two teams together, but puts the first two scorers in the Region, Al Smith and Stanford Rome, against each other too.

Smith, a 6-5 senior sharpshooter averages 31.28 points per game for the Tribe, which brings 18-2 overall and 12-1 region records into the clash.

Rome, a 6-4 sophomore, is second in scoring with an average of 27.30 points while leading the 'Cats of coach Joe Wilson to 12-3 and 10-2 records.

The 'Cats' have had their share of the close games lately. Of their last six games, three were one-point victories, another was a two-point win, and the only loss was a 66-65 defeat by Monroe.

Albany's only region loss came at the hands of Monroe 67-60 — whom they later defeated 57-54.

In the girls game, coach Joe Mercer's Kittens take on a group of Squaws who have been suffering from the same problems.

The Kittens come into the

game with 2-12 and 2-10 against the 1-15 and 1-12 Squaws.

Meanwhile, at the Lowndes gym, coach Charles Cooper's Vikings will be trying to extend their winning streak against the always tough Tornadoes.

The Vikes, paced by Kevin Wetherington (6-1, Sr.), fifth in the region scoring race with about a 20-point average have won five of their last six outings and bring 14-6 and 10-4 records against the Albany visitors.

The Tornadoes, who dropped their last decision, a rout by Crisp County's Cougars, who also handed the Vikes their last defeat 69-58, come into the game with 16-4 and 10-3 records.

Coach Steve Kebler's Vikettes, hoping to end a five-game losing streak which has dropped their record to 9-9 and 6-7 expect a rough time doing it against the Lady Tornadoes.

The Monroe girls are third in the region with 13-3 and 10-3 marks.

AREA HOOP SLATE

Friday

Monroe at Lowndes
Albany at Valdosta
Lanier at Charlton
Clinch at Brantley
Echols at Mt. Moriah
Cook at Appling
GCS at Norman Park
Berrien at Jeff Davis
Brookwood at Valwood
BCC at Tiftarea
Hamilton at Monticello

Saturday

Lowndes at Valdosta
Charlton at Echols
Brooks at T'Ville
Valwood at BBDS
BCC at Bainbridge Christian
FAMU High at Hamilton

their fierce cross-town rivalry again at Valdosta's gym on

Senate Commends Baze, 'Cats

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Georgia Senate has adopted a resolution to commend retiring Valdosta Wildcat coach Wright Bazemore and the Wildcats for their super successful 1971 high school football season.

The Senate passed the resolution, authored by Julian Webb, an 11th District representative from Donalsonville who is a VHS graduate, congratulating the coaches and coaching staff for going undefeated to win the State Class

AAA crown, and become the top rated high school in the nation by National Sports News Service.

The resolution extends to Bazemore, his coaching staff, the players and all others connected with the athletic program at VHS its heartiest congratulations for a magnificent season.

It points out the 'Cats went undefeated (13-0) winning the State Class AAA crown, and under Bazemore and behind all-American Stanley Bounds,

won the national championship.

The resolutions points out this was the third year Valdosta has won the national title, and that since joining the VHS staff in 1940, Bazemore-coached teams have produced a 290-43-6 record.

The team "has focused the attention of the nation on the City of Valdosta and the State of Georgia," the resolution continues.

Face Albany Teams Tonight

Lowndes, 'Dosta Meet Sat.

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Both Valdosta coach Joe Wilson and Lowndes mentor Charles Cooper are concerned with post-season tourney seedings, but neither is looking past their Saturday night meeting, as the cross-city rivals tangle for the third time this year.

Wilson's Wildcats are to host Cooper's Vikings at the Valdosta Junior High gym, with Valdosta's Kittens and Lowndes' Vikettes opening the basketball action with a 7 p.m. contest.

Both teams may find it a little hard to get up for the game, however. Lowndes hosts third-ranked Monroe tonight, while Valdosta entertains top-rated Albany, also at home.

Other area games Friday night find Lanier County (Lake-land, Ga.) at Charlton County (Folkston), Clinch County (Homerville) at Brantley County (Nahunta), Echols County (Statenville) at Mt. Moriah (At-pul-gus), Cook (Adel) at Ap-pling (Baxley), Georgia Chris-tain (Dasher) at Norman Park, Berrien (Nashville, Ga.) at Jeff Davis (Hazelhurst), Brook-wood at Valwood, Brooks Coun-

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Region 1-AAA Standings

BOYS			GIRLS		
	Overall	Region		Overall	Region
Albany	18-2	12-1	Tift	17-2	12-0
Valdosta	13-3	10-2	T'Ville	16-3	10-3
Monroe	16-4	10-3	Crisp	12-3	10-3
Lowndes	14-6	10-4	Moultrie	12-5	10-3
Crisp	10-5	8-5	Monroe	13-4	10-4
T'Ville	12-7	7-6	Central	9-9	6-6
Tift	11-8	5-7	Lowndes	9-11	6-7
Dougherty	10-10	5-8	Westover	6-10	4-8
Bainbridge	7-10	4-8	Valdesta	2-12	2-10
Moultrie	6-13	4-10	Bainbridge	4-13	2-10
Westover	3-14	2-10	Albany	1-15	1-12
Central	1-15	0-12	Dougherty	1-15	1-12

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ty Christian (Dixie) at Tift area (Tifton), and Hamilton County (Jasper, Fla.) at Monticello, Fla.

Other Saturday action includes Charlton at Echols, Brooks County (Quitman) at Thomasville, Valwood at BBDS (Savannah), BCC at Bainbridge Christian, and FAMV High at Hamilton.

"This game will mean a lot to both teams as far as tournament seedings are concerned," Wilson said. "Lowndes could enter the playoffs at the third or fourth seeded team if they beat us, and we could have a shot at first seed by beating Albany Friday night and Lowndes Saturday."

Lowndes topped the Wildcats 75-61 in the third game of the season, and Valdosta returned the favor 74-60 in Lowndes Christmas Tourney action.

Wilson said the Vikings have improved in "leaps and bounds" since he saw them last. "Lowndes gets up for us more than any team we play — I'm sure it will be a close game."

Wilson's 'Cats enter weekend

action with a 10-2 1-AAA chart and a 13-3 overall mark. Cooper's charges stand at 10-4 in region play and 14-6 overall.

Cooper echoed Wilson's thoughts about the probable closeness of the contest. "I don't think either team will win by too much," he said.

The Lowndes mentor singled out Mason Barfield and Kevin Wetherington as having done "good jobs" lately and Ernest Carter as "coming around."

He cited Valdosta's overall height, particularly that of 6-4 sophomore Stanford Rome, as something of a trouble spot.

"Rome is one of the best boys in the region — we'll be concerned with stopping him," Cooper said. The cage boss added, though, that no team in the region had thus far succeeded in stopping Rome.

Coach Joe Mercer's Kittens, 2-10 in region action and 2-12 overall, hope to bounce back from seven consecutive losses when they meet the 6-8 and 9-11 Vikettes, coached by Steve Kehler who have a five-game losing streak of their own.

Not Really So Big

"Everyone thinks we're so big," Wilson said. "But our size really hurts us. Stanford is only 6-3½ and he's our tallest starter. Almost everyone we play has at least one person bigger than that."

At the first of the season, Wilson didn't know how he was going to replace Roger Rome, around whom last year's region championship team was built.

But his younger brother Stanford, a sophomore, stepped in to fill the bill. Young Rome leads the team in scoring with a 28-point average and always averages more than 20 rebounds.

Stanley Bounds and Bob Fluitt have recently come around as outside sharpshooters to keep teams from doubling up on Rome in the middle. George Roundtree has improved tremendously on rebounds and defensive play, and sophomore David Demerseman does an outstanding job as playmaker.

With only three players coming back who had and varsity basketball experience at all and that limited, Cooper had even less reason to believe his Vikes would be sitting fourth in the region with 14-6 and 10-4 records now.

"We've come along farther and faster than we ever thought we would," Cooper said. "We really started green and inexperienced. We work together as a team, which along with our above-average speed, helps keep us going."

'Cats, Vikes Top Preseason Hopes

With the Region 1-AAA boys basketball tournament just two short weeks away, Lowndes Coach Charles Cooper and Valdosta's Joe Wilson find their teams have both done better than they expected at the first of the season.

But nobody's resting on laurels.

Valdosta's Wildcats stand second in the region going into tonight's clash with leader Albany, and Cooper's fourth-place Vikings host third-place Monroe.

Wilson had no idea his Wildcats would now be sitting 13-3 overall and 10-2 in league standings when the season started.

For one thing, not only was he still tied up with the State Class AAA football campaign, but three starters were members of the grid team. Consequently by the time his team started practicing, some of the other teams in the league had played as many as eight games.

The 'Cats won their football championship on a Saturday night and began practicing on Sunday. Tuesday night, they played their first game . . . and won.

But that quick start is showing up in some of their games now.

"We needed to work on fundamentals first," Wilson explained. "But we had to go right into the game plans and now our dribbling, passing, and things like that are suffering.

"We had to use our press earlier than we wanted to and now people are getting on to it."

Last Region Game

'Dosta Takes On Central

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats, pressing Albany for first place in Region 1-AAA standings, journeys to Thomasville tonight to tangle with the Central Yellow Jackets, winless so far in region competition, in a league basketball doubleheader.

Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats edged always-tough Thomasville 76-74, squeaked by then league leading Albany 69-64, and demolished archrival Lowndes 79-65 in their last three outings.

The wins, coupled with a 12-2 league mark and a 15-3 overall chart, placed the quintet in a deadheat with Albany's Indians for the 1-AAA lead.

The Central contest will be the only remaining league tilt

for the Wildcats, and a win would assure them of at least a share of the top seed in the region tourney, beginning Feb. 16.

Simultaneously Coach Joe Mercer's Kittens will be trying to snap a 10-game loss skein with a win over the Jackettes.

Other area games tonight find Valwood at Bainbridge Christian Academy, Cook (Adel) at Lanier (Lakeland, Ga.), Christian (Quitman) at Westwood, Blackshear at

Clinch County (Homerville), St. George at Echols County (Statenville), and Berrien (Nashville) at Ware County (Waycross).

Wilson said that despite Central's 2-12 record, he "isn't taking them lightly."

"They've got some good boys over there, and we'll be trying our best not to take them for granted," he added.

The 'Cats dumped the Yellow Jackets in an early-season contest 84-53, enroute to a six-game midseason win streak.

At the same time, Joe Mercer isn't taking anybody for granted.

His Kittens, standing 2-12 in 1-AAA action and 2-14 overall, haven't finished a game in the win column since Jan. 7, when they handcuffed Westover 41-39.

Since then the sextet has dropped league contests to Thomasville (twice), Tift, Crisp Moultrie, Monroe, Bainbridge, Albany, and Lowndes, and a non-region game to AA Berrien.

Among their losses are a 37-36 decision to the Jackettes in the Lowndes Invitational Christmas Tourney and a 52-26 regular-season rawhiding by the Central sextet.

AREA HOOP SLATE TONIGHT

Valdosta at Central
Valwood at Bainbridge Christian
Cook at Lanier
BCC at Westwood
Blackshear at Clinch
St. George at Echols
Berrien at Ware



SHERRI TEFFETELLER
Heads Honor Society

ROBERT ORR
Council President

2 VHS Seniors Win Leadership Award

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High School seniors Robert Orr and Sherrif Teffeteller have won the state Elks youth leadership award, marking the first time in its history the two winners have come from the same campus.

Orr and Miss Teffeteller are to each be presented with \$250 savings bonds Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Valdosta Elks Lodge, according to youth activities chairman Dean Mink.

The students are to represent the state in national competition, where cash prizes range from \$800 to \$5,000.

Emerson Bell, of VHS, who won state honors in the boys competition in 1963, went on to win national recognition. Bell was the last state winner VHS had produced.

VHS principal Lloyd Mims said the fact that both students are from the city school makes the state win even more of an honor.

Orr is president of the Student Council and Miss Teffeteller is president of the Beta Club.

The son of Mrs. Sherwood Dennis, Orr said he felt he had a halfway chance of winning the local event but never thought of placing first at the state level.

Miss Teffeteller, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Teffeteller, said even the judges were surprised to find VHS had both top winners.

"I was especially glad because it was the first time in many years that VHS had placed first," she said. "For Robert and I both to win was great."

The leadership competition is based on academic performance, participation in school and community service work and leadership qualities.

Orr, who worked with the federally financed headstart for pre-school age youngsters three years ago, is a member of the Valdosta Parks, Recreation and Auditorium Commission. He is the only youth member on the board.

He is a member of the Com-

a member of the Hi-Y and was named to the Society of Outstanding High School Students.

Miss Teffeteller is a member of the Distributive Education Club and works as an operator for Southern Bell Telephone Co. here.

She is the editorial editor for the campus newspaper, a member of the Community Drug Council and of the Citizens Youth Council, an advisory board for the Office of Economic Opportunity here.

The two seniors received \$75 cash prizes for winning the local competition.

Marchin' Cats 'Greatest Band'

By MARY CROUSE

Valdosta High School's Marchin' Cats are bringing home the "Greatest Band in Dixie" trophy tonight, the second national award captured by VHS students this academic year.

The band won the honor Sunday during the Mid - City Parade at New Orleans, La. The "Greatest Band in Dixie" competition is an annual event in the Mardi Gras celebration.

Although this is the second year the Marchin' Cats have

won the honor, Sunday was the first time the contest has ever been opened to bands on a nationwide basis.

VHS band director Frank Butenschon, 34, said before the 148 young musicians left Friday that a first in that contest would be a first in the nation.

The Marchin' Cats edged out 15 other bands around the country to claim the huge trophy. William Penn High of York, Pa., came in second, Everette High of Maryville, Tenn., was third and A. L. Brown High of

Kannapolis, N. C., was fourth. The 16 bands were judged on musicianship, marching and appearance.

The band's win is the second national triumph this year for VHS. The Wildcat football team, after taking the State AAA grid crown this fall, was named No. 1 in the nation by the National Sports Information Service.

"And now the band's championship makes this another big first for us," said principal Lloyd Mims. "I don't know of another school in the country that can boast two national firsts in major fields this year."

The band won the competition in 1969 and placed second in 1971.

Sunday's victory was the culmination of several months hard work by the students, Butenschon, his staff and the Band Boosters.

The students began work last summer to prepare for the contest and they never let up. Butenschon had his young charges on the football field at night and early in the morning going over marching routines and musical scores.

Booster members replaced and repaired worn parts of the snappy black, gold and white uniforms to achieve a band box appearance. Their efforts were not in vain.

The trip, which cost the band about \$4,000, was financed by the students, boosters and contributions from service organizations here.

"The kids worked hard for this honor and we are proud of them," said Mims. "They are national champs and deserve the title."

And although the musicians usually put their winning trophies and medals on display in the band room, Mims said the big trophy is to be put in the front lobby of the school.

"We want to show it off for a while before they take it. We're proud of it and want everyone to know it," he said.

Mims said the band is expected back at the campus about 9 p. m. today.

"We've planned a reception for them in the lunchroom and celebration to let them know how we feel," he explained.

Wildcats Win Home Finale, But Berrien Rips Kittens

By JULIAN MILLER
Times Sports Writer

Both Joe Wilson and Dona Fields claim their teams weren't trying to run up the scores... but Berrien's Rebels and Valdosta's Kittens may find it a little hard to believe.

They were the victims in a high school basketball twin-bill here Saturday night when Mrs. Fields' Rebelettes massacred the Kittens, 73-9, and Wilson's Wildcats pounded the Rebels 93-56 in their season finales.

Mrs. Fields had been worried that her girls have played weak games while at Valdosta in the past.

But it was obvious when the Rebelettes jumped off to a 16-point lead before Valdosta scored that this wasn't going to be one of them.

"We played better than I thought we would," she admitted, "but I thought Valdosta would give us a better game than that. They did when we played them over here anyway. We beat them 45-27 then.

"We weren't trying to build up a big score though. We had a few seniors, and we wanted them to play their last game, so we didn't substitute them until the last quarter. But we played everybody."

When the final buzzer sounded, Carolyn Futch had amassed 21 points, Debra Swain 14, and Vera Wright and Debbie Harrell a dozen each to lead the Rebelettes to their 18th win against four losses.

The Kittens, coached by Joe Mercer closed out their season with a 2-19 mark.

Wilson may have found a lesson on the value of records when his 'Cats leveled their blast at Berrien's Rebels.

The 'Cats had dropped a 65-61 decision to Dougherty the night before that destroyed their hopes for the coveted top seed in the Region 1-AAA tournament beginning this week.

But he found they were more reluctant to let the tra-

ditional rivals from Region 1-AA blemish their perfect home court record when they jumped off to a 6-0 lead and kept rambling.

"We had forgotten about Berrien and made all our plans for Dougherty," Wilson said. "It's a shame we had to play so bad Friday and then so good Saturday. But that was their last game at home, and they haven't been defeated here, so I guess they wanted this one a little more."

Wilson echoed Mrs. Fields' words about playing seniors.

"We didn't play our younger boys because we have these seniors who won't be playing in front of a home crowd any more and we wanted to let them play as much as possible.

"Those 10th graders will have two more years to play here."

The 'Cats found one-man competition from Berrien's Wayne Taylor, who scored the first eight points for the Rebels. But that wasn't

enough to keep up with the Wildcats.

Stanford Rome brought in a total of 40 points to lead the scoring while George Roundtree tossed in 23 in his best efforts ever.

Taylor collected 34 markers for the Rebels, who dropped to the same 18-4 record as the Rebelettes.

The victory boosted the 'Cats to a 16-4 overall record and was their eighth win in as many home games.

GIRLS

Valdosta	7699
Berrien	16405473

VALDOSTA (9) — Knight 3, Flanders 2, Folsom 2, Fryslier 1, Loving 1, Barker, Robinson, Durden, Smith, Anderson, Strom, Stewart, Duncan, Warlick.

Team totals: field goals 2, free throws 5 of 13, fouls 16.

BERRIEN (73) — Futch 21, Swain 13, Harrell 12, Wright 12, McNabb, Swain 1, Keefe 9, Harper 4, Close, Nash, Franklin.

Team totals: field goals 39, free throws 12 of 22, fouls 10.

BOYS

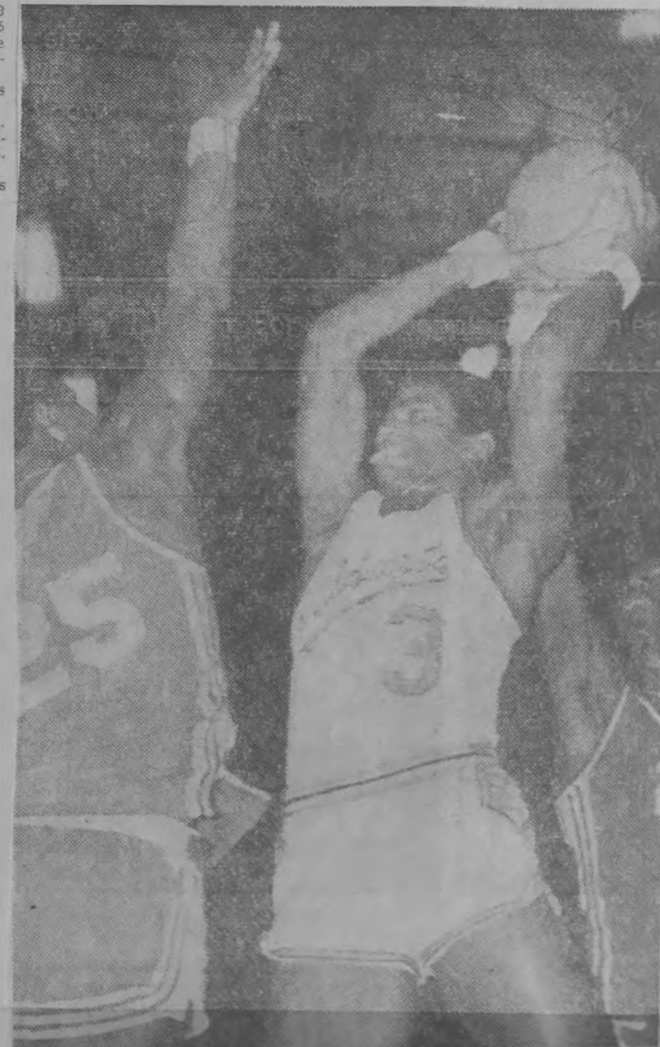
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Berrien	12264156

VALDOSTA (93) — Peterson 6, Rome 40, Rowe 4, Bounds 6, Roundtree 23, Demersseman 3, Graham 6, Fluit 5.

Team totals: field goals 37, free throws 19 of 30, fouls 13.

BERRIEN (56) — Taylor 34, G. Davis 8, Sims 3, Shaw 2, J. Davis 4, Bennett 13, J. Rowe, Calder, Rowan, R. Rowe, Powell, Miller.

Team totals: field goals 24, free throws 8 of 16, fouls 21.



'Cats' Stanford Rome (3) Greets Greg Davis (25)

—AP Wirephoto

Last Three Miles Were The Shortest

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The 148 members of the Valdosta High School Marchin' Cats won the Greatest Band in Dixie competition because of their pride and determination, said director Frank Butenschon.

"And because they were better than anybody else and revved up for the performance," he said.

Butenschon and his band got back to town about 12:30 a. m. today to a rip-roaring welcome home type celebration on the VHS campus.

"We're a little tired today but, man, do we feel great," said the 34-year-old band director.

The band won the Greatest Band competition Sunday in the Mid-City Parade in New Orleans, La. The contest is an annual event in the Mardi Gras celebration.

The band took the top honors from 15 other bands from across the country. VHS also won in 1969 and placed second in 1970 when the contest was limited to just Southern schools.

For their effort the band won a banner, a four-foot trophy and individual medals for each student.

Everything the band has done since last summer was aimed at getting the precision and playing ability down that was needed for the contest.

"I've never seen a group more revved up," said Butenschon. "That was a determined bunch of kids and they wanted to win bad."

The band arrived in New Orleans Friday night and was housed at the Belle Chasse Naval Air Station on the Mississippi River.

Saturday was spent rehearsing for Sunday's big event. That night the band chartered a boat for a three-hour cruise on the Mississippi.

The Mid-City Parade, in which all 16 bands marched for the competition, was like one big pep rally, said Butenschon.

"All up and down the parade route people remembered us from the two years previously that we had been down there," he said. "They hollered 'You

can do it, Georgia'. And you know the kids did."

The band had about a minute to play the finale to "New World Symphony" before breaking to the allotted 90-second program of "Mardi Gras," "Way Down Yonder in New Orleans," and Battle Hymn of the Republic." The group went out to 'St. Louis Blues.'

"They were so revved up that when we broke to go out for the final number we finished up in 78 seconds," said Butenschon.

But then came the long march, a four-mile stint, to the mayor's platform before the winners would be announced.

"The kids never slacked up. I knew they would be tough to beat. That pride just shone all over," said Butenschon.

Two blocks from the mayor's stand, the word was out that the Marchin' Cats were the Greatest Band in Dixie and bedlam broke out, he said.

"We still had three more miles to go but the crowds and people were going wild," said Butenschon. "They loved our kids. There is no doubt about it."

Still the VHS musicians were not to rest. Butenschon was told at a band directors meeting after the parade that his students were to play the opening number, "The Star Spangled Banner," at the Mid-City ball at 8:30 that night.

The students went out into a park and rehearsed for a hour.

"And when we played at the ball, the people loved it," said the director. "The Mid-City group sponsored the contest and were delighted over the band. I was just so proud of the kids for winning and being able to go on and play I couldn't stand it."

Butenschon said his band had been plagued with colds, flu and virus for the past couple of weeks but that all 148 mem-

bers made the trip.

Several were sick during the New Orleans competition but nobody missed the parade, he said.

Butenschon said his students, the Band Boosters, school officials, student body and community helped to win the big trophy which designates them the No. 1 band in the country.

The city of Valdosta furnished two policemen, Tommy Pitts and Charlie Spray, for the trip while the Band Boosters provided the chaperons.

It was the booster club which financed most of the \$4,000 trip.

"We are real lucky to have the kind of community we have. My directors are all great, the kids are fantastic and it just goes right on down the line," said Butenschon. "That's what it takes to win. Combine that kind of support and cooperation with the determination and pride of the kids and you come out on top."

What does the Greatest Band in Dixie do for an encore?

"We're not going to think about that right now," he said. "But we sure can't relax. We're going right into rehearsals today for the Festival Concert Feb. 25 in Waycross."

With Dodd, Baughn

Broyles To Address 'Cats

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Three giants of the college football world, Frank Broyles, R. L. (Bobby) Dodd and Maxie Baughn are scheduled to handle the speaking duties at the Valdosta Touchdown Club's annual football banquet here Monday night.

Touchdown club president Bobby Green said Broyles, head coach of the Arkansas Razorbacks, is scheduled to address the 1971 State Class AAA Wildcats at their banquet in the Mathis City Auditorium.

Dodd, athletic director at Georgia Tech, and Baughn, a newly acquired assistant coach for the Yellow Jackets, are scheduled to introduce the guest speaker.

Touchdown club members, coaches and football players, and members of the cheerleading squads are invited to the 6 p. m. meal at the expense of the TD club.

Green said touchdown club members may bring their wives but an additional \$3 will be charged.

Trophies are to be awarded to the 1971 Wildcat team members who went 13-0 while capturing their 15th State Championship.

"There's gonna be more tro-

phies than you can shake a stick at," Green beamed.

Among the awards are most improved, super skinner, sportsmanship, spirit of the Wildcats, best offensive linemen, best defensive lineman, best offensive back, best defensive back, most loyal, most aggressive, scholastic awards, most versatile, most outstanding, most valuable.

A Decatur native, Broyles will be in familiar company when Dodd introduces him Monday night. Broyles played for Tech under Dodd taking All-SEC honors as quarterback of the Jackets in 1944 and '46. He became backfield coach at Baylor in 1947 and returned to Tech as an assistant coach under Dodd in 1950.

In 1957 he moved on to a head coaching position at Missouri where he guided the Tigers to their first winning record in a decade.

In 1958 he took over the head coaching position for the Arkansas Razorbacks and immediately began his own tradition at Fayetteville.

In his 15 years only two Arkansas teams have finished below the .500 margin. And while the Razorbacks rolled up

a 117-40-3 record under Broyles, they have also made nine bowl trips. The highlight of his career came in 1964 when the Razorbacks went 11-0, defeating Nebraska in the Cotton Bowl for the National Championship.

Broyles took his Hogs back after the National championship against Texas in 1969 but the Longhorns pulled out a 15-14 victory in what the Football Writers Association of America voted the "Game of the Century."

The 48-year-old Decatur High School graduate can boast of 19 Razorback performers who won All-American honors and 73 who were named All-Southwest Conference.

Dodd, the man who coached Broyles and hired him as a coach at Tech, was the third

man to become the Georgia Tech head coach. A standout quarterback for a Tennessee team that lost only one game in three years (1928-30) he came to Tech as backfield coach coach straight off the Tennessee campus in 1931 and took over as head coach when W. A. (Bill) Alexander stepped down in 1945.

The 63-year-old Dodd is now athletic director at Tech.

All-Albany Final Tonight

Wildcats Fall To Monroe

By JULIAN MILLER

THOMASVILLE — Ice cold was the shooting of Valdosta's Wildcats in their semi-final game against the Monroe Tornadoes here Friday night.

And now gone are their chances of winning their third straight Regional 1-AAA basketball championship after the Tornadoes sent them to the consolation bracket of tonight's finals with an 81-65 upset in the Central gym.

The third-seeded Tornadoes' victory over the second placed Wildcats gave the Monroe quintet the right to play top-seeded Albany, a cross-town rival, whose Indians put Crisp County's Cougars in the battle for third place in the Region with a 69-66 victory in the other semi-final game Friday.

Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats blitzed off to an 8-0 head start but then hit a cold streak that even the absence of two top Monroe players couldn't rectify.

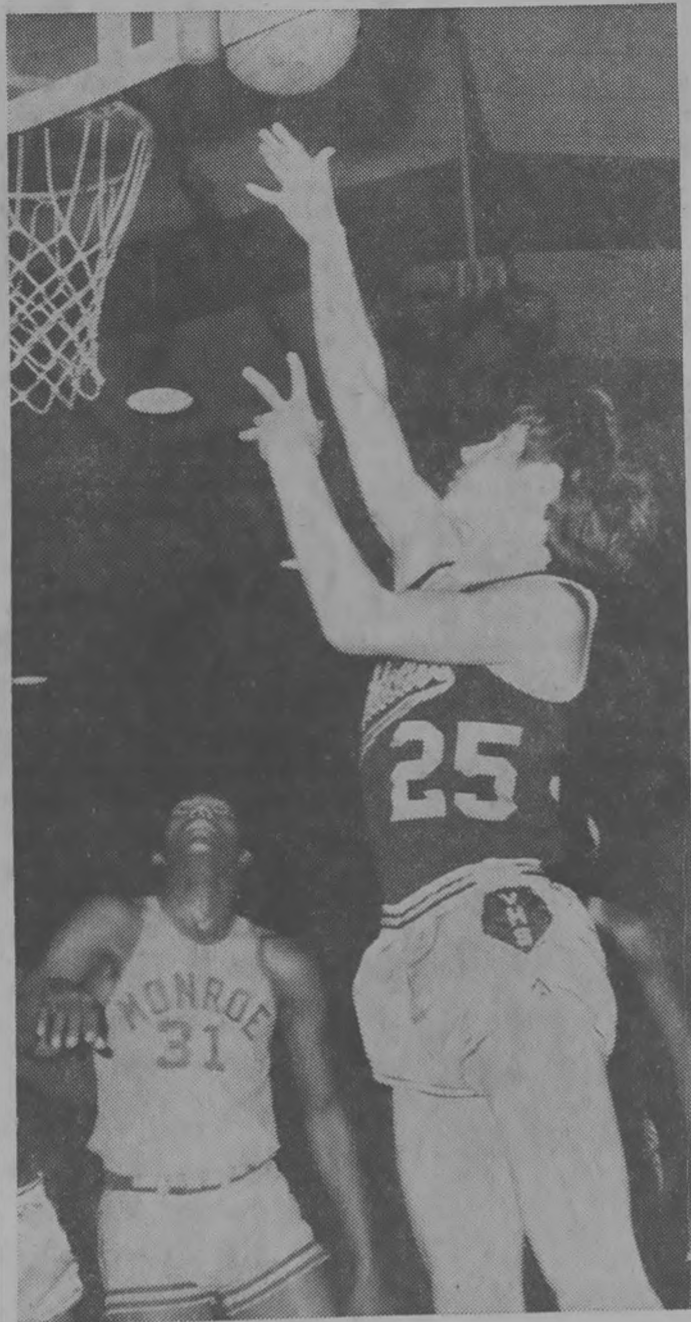
Six-foot-four Curtis Trice, the Tornado who paced the Monroe comeback and singlehandedly brought the Albany quintet from a 27-22 deficit to a 27-27 tie in the second quarter with seven straight points, left via the five foul route with 7:30 remaining in the game and Roosevelt James, one of the Monroe defense leaders, followed two minutes later.

But by then the Tornadoes were ahead 64-49, and they were planning on holding on to that lead.

The 'Cats fell to 14-4 in region play when they hit a streak of missed outside shots and free throws. At the final tally they had scored on only 19 of their 37 free throws and hit on 23 shots from the floor.

The Tornadoes of coach Lewis Smith, however, notched 33 field goals and 15 of 29 free throws to win the game.

The trio of Stanford Rome, Stanley Bounds, and Bob Fluitt led the way for the Wildcats, Rome, the 'Cats' super-sophomore who was second in the region in scoring, collected 17 followed by Bounds with 16 and Fluitt with 14.



—Times Staff Photo

'Cats' Bob Graham Tips Rebound Back Up For Basket

When Trice went out with 18 points, Larry Cooper took over and racked up a 25-point total to lead the Tornadoes, Marvin Williams and Nathaniel Bryant added 13 and 10 points.

The Albany-Crisp County game turned into a scoring contest between Albany's 6-4 sen-

ior Al Smith and 6-10 sophomore Wayne Rollins from Cordele... and Crisp never had a chance.

Smith, the region's leading scorer, racked up 46 points as the Indians took a comfortable lead and held on to it.

Rollins amassed 32 points to

lead the fourth-seeded Cougars who put their 11-7 record up against the 'Cats tonight.

The Indians broke two ties in the early moments, 2-2 and 11-11, and had their biggest lead of the first half, 36-24, at intermission.

The score bounced between eight and 12 points in the third quarter and with 5:05 remaining in the final stanza the Tribe was ahead by their biggest margin of the night, 59-46.

Crisp cut the margin to three with 1:32 remaining before the Indians rallied back up to seven. By the time the Cougars cut it to three again, the game was over.

The two Albany quintets go into their championship clash tonight at 8:30 with the memories of their unusual split during the regular season. The Tornadoes upset the Indians 67-60 in the Albany gym during their first meet and then the Indians took a 57-54 win in the Monroe home court during a season where both teams seldom lost at home.

The 'Cats can plan to have their hands full again tonight if their game with the Cougars at 7 o'clock turns out anything like their last affair when Valdosta squeezed out a 58-57 win on their home court.

The winners and runners-up in the Region 1-AAA tournament meet the runners-up and champions of the Region 2-AAA tournament being held in Columbus.

Jordan and Northeast Macon battle it out in the 2-AAA final tonight at 8:30.

BOYS

Valdosta	15	29	44	65
Monroe	10	29	56	81

VALDOSTA (65) — Peterson 4, Rowe, Rome 17, Bounds 16, Fluitt 14, Roundtree 8, DeMersseman 4, Graham 1.

Team totals: field goals 33, free throws 15 of 29, fouls 23.

MONROE (81) — Cooper 25, Bryant 10, Williams 13, Trice 18, James 6, Reddick 9.

Team totals: field goals 33, free throws 15 of 29, fouls 23.

BOYS

Albany	19	36	50	69
Crisp	12	24	41	66

ALBANY (69) — Jones 4, McKinney 2, Johnson 8, Payne 5, Bimberry 4, Smith 46.

Team totals: field goals 27, free throws 15 of 19, fouls 11.

CRISP (66) — Ellis, Hearn 11, Rollins 32, Dickson 13, Phillips 2, Mathis 6, Childers 2.

Team totals: field goals 31, free throws 4 of 14, fouls 12.

'Cats Top Pack But Vikes Fall

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

THOMASVILLE — Lowndes' Vikings came the closest to pulling off the only upset of the night but a bad percentage at the foul line prevented it Thursday, as the top - four seeds swept into the semi - finals of the Region 1-AAA boys basketball tournament here tonight.

In quarterfinal action in the Central gym Thursday, Valdosta's Wildcats stormed over Moultrie's Packers, 81-66; Monroe's Tornadoes edged out Lowndes 73-72. Crisp County's Cougars eliminated Thomasville's Bulldogs 70-60, and Albany's Indians tossed out Dougherty's Indians 73-53.

With all four of Wednesday's winners on the sidelines, Valdosta, seeded second with a 14-3 region mark, takes on third placed Monroe (13-4) at 7 p. m. while the number one Indians from Albany put a 15-2 mark against the 11-6 Cougars from Cordele.

The winners of those two games meet in the finals Saturday at 8:30 p. m. while the losers pair off in the consolation at 7 p. m.

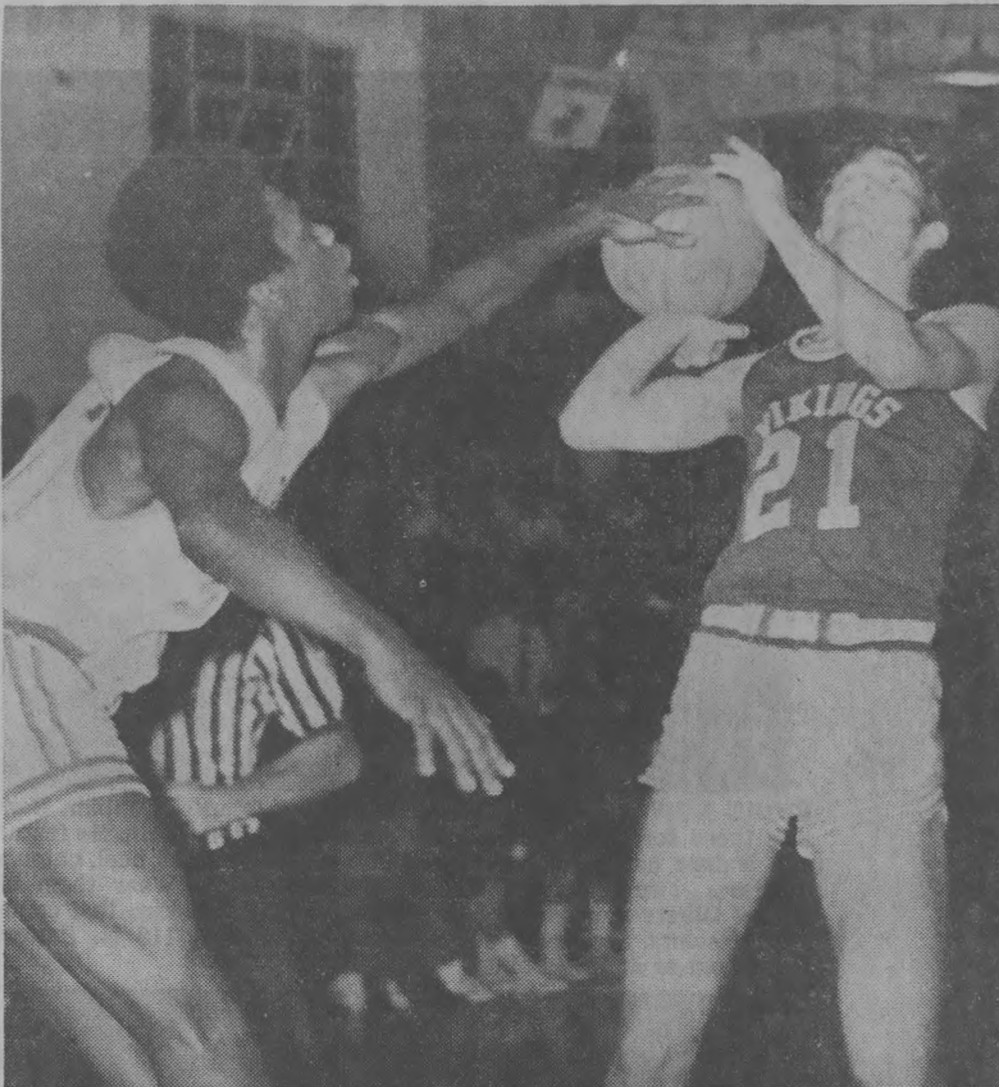
Coach Charles Cooper's Vikings provided the only fierce competition of the night when they went down swinging to the powerful Tornadoes in a game that wasn't decided until the closing seconds.

The Vikings, who went to the sidelines with a 10-8 record, dropped an 83-74 decision to the Tornadoes in regular season play but never let the Monroe quintet get any farther than six points ahead in the game that saw the lead tied or changing hands 11 times.

With 52 seconds remaining and the Vikes trailing 69-68 Nathaniel Bryant hit a field goal to ice the win for the Tornadoes. Lowndes closed it to 71-70 with a field goal by Earnest Carter with 47 seconds left.

But when Curtis Trice scored another basket with 18 seconds left, the Tornadoes didn't bother to worry about Carter's goal with two seconds left that merely closed the score again to the one - point margin.

Lowndes' Kevin Wetherington and Mason Barfield led the Vikes with top notch ball handling and 31 and 27 points respectively, but Cooper insisted it was a team effort all the way.



Monroe's Larry Cooper Tries, But Fails To Block Shot By Vike Kevin Wetherington

"Everybody who played did a great job," he offered. "It was just one of those games where anything could happen with a little luck."

Trice was the top Tornado scorer with 23 points.

Valdosta, with Stanford Rome and Stanley Bounds leading the way, pumped out a 10-0 lead before the Packers started coming back.

With 12 seconds left in the first quarter Marvin Richardson closed the margin to one point, 20-19 on a field goal. But the Moultrie rally soon ended when Bounds and Rome started hitting early in the second quarter. When the 'Cats left the court at halftime with a 43-33 lead, the Packer comeback was over.

Rome brought in 30 points,

and Bounds 14 to spark the 'Dosta offense, while George Roundtree led the defense by holding 6-8 Gene Pate, who had totaled 34 points against Tift County the night before, to just nine markers.

Eugene Richardson and Marvin Richardson scored 19 and 14 points respectively as the Pack went to the sidelines with a 6-12 record.

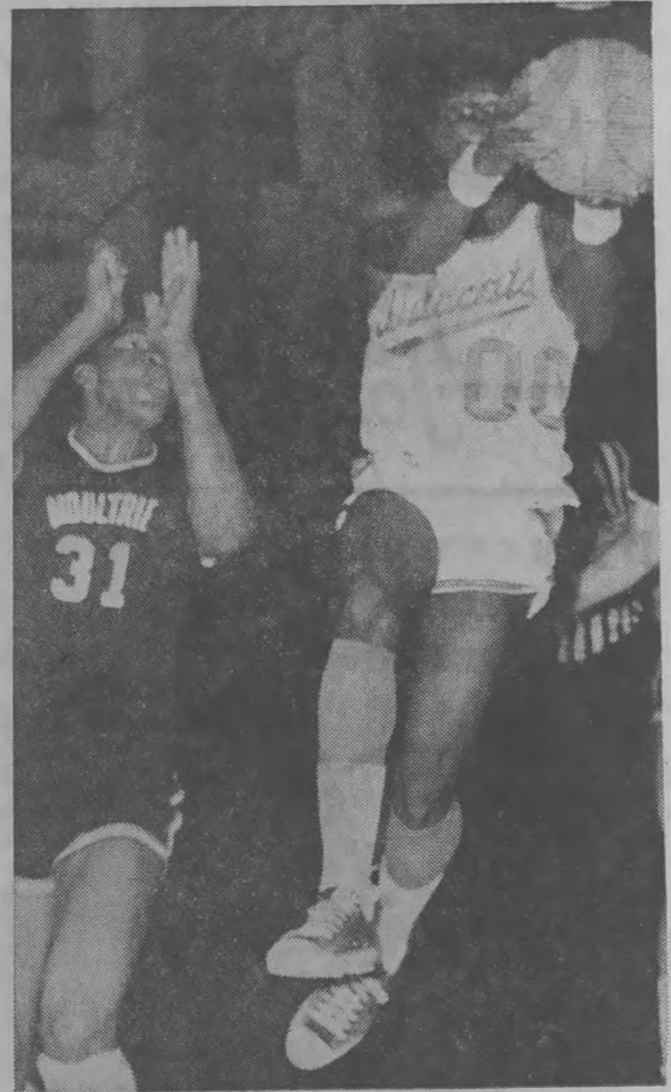
"We did a real good job until Bounds got tired on the outside and they sagged in on Rome," Wilson said. "Bounds is just getting over the flu and he's having a rough time getting started. But we hope he'll be ready tonight against Monroe."

Albany and Dougherty opened the action with their cross-city rivalry but the Trojans couldn't

keep up with the Indians, paced by Al Smith's 35 points.

In the second game, Thomasville found it couldn't do much against 8-10 Wayne Rollins, who pumped in 19 points to lead Crisp's Cougars to their victory sending the Bulldogs to the sidelines with a 10-8 mark.

BOYS	
Albany	18 36 54 73
Dougherty	8 18 34 53
ALBANY (73) — Hardin 1, Smith 35, Janes 4, Payne 6, Johnson 6, Brimberry 12, McKenzie 9.	
Team totals: field goals 24, free throws 23 of 27, fouls 10.	
DOUGHERTY (53) — Cannon 6, Solo-	



'Dosta's William Peterson (00) Breaks For Basket

Mon 3, Winkfield 7, Quimbly 16, Smith 4, Shine 10, Edwards, Barfield 2, Thomas 5.	
Team totals: field goals 43, free throws 7 of 12, fouls 16.	

BOYS	
Crisp	12 26 50 70
Thomasville	17 31 41 60
CRISP (70) — Childers 10, Ellis 7, Howard 3, Phillips 10, Shell, Dixon 12, Hearn 2, Mathis 12, Rollins 19.	
Team totals: field goals 25, free throws 10 of 14, fouls 10.	
THOMASVILLE (60) — Keadle 14, Gatlin 8, Gordon 23, Heard 9, Kerbo 6.	
Team totals: field goals 25, free throws 10 of 14, fouls 10.	

BOYS	
Lowndes	17 32 58 72
Monroe	20 33 54 73
LOWNDES (72) — Barfield 27, Carter	

14, Dubose 6, Humphrey 3, Wetherington 31, Muller 1, McCormick, Miley.	
Team totals: field goals 29, free throws 14 of 32, fouls 19.	
MONROE (73) — Cooper 11, Bryant 17, Williams 9, Trice 23, James 5, Redick 8.	
Team totals: field goals 28, free throws 17 of 27, fouls 15.	

BOYS	
Valdosta	20 43 59 81
Moultrie	19 33 47 66
VLAODSTA (81) — Peterson 8, Rome 30, Rowe 5, Bounds 14, Roundtree 7, Demersseman 6, Graham 3, Fluitt 8.	
Team totals: field goals 33, free throws 15 of 28, fouls 16.	
MOULTRIE (66) — E. Richardson 19, M. Richardson 14, Pate 9, Goff 9, Miller 4, Harrison 10, Mammock 1.	
Team totals: field goals 29, free throws 15 of 28, fouls 16.	

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In Is Split Second

Rebels Clip Panthers

By JULIAN MILLER

Valdosta State College's Tim Dominey pulled the rug out from under LaGrange's Panthers with his split second shot here Saturday night, and now the Rebels hope the Panthers can take the hint in their next GIAC clash.

Dominey fired the winning shot just as the final buzzer sounded to give the Rebels their 75-73 victory over the visiting Panthers, leaving both teams tied for second place in Georgia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference standings.

Now the Rebels take their 15-7 overall and 9-2 conference records to Americus to meet Georgia Southwestern College Wednesday night, while the Panthers host the West Georgia College Braves at the same time.

A win by both teams would leave VSC, LaGrange and WGC tied for the GIAC lead.

Rebel head coach James Dominey joined the homecoming minded, standing room only crowd that rushed onto the court after the referees signaled his younger brother's shot good.

But after the excitement died down he was one of the first to admit he didn't know if the shot would be counted or not.

"I really didn't know if it was good or not," he admitted. "I knew it was close to the buzzer. And I'm glad they called it the way they did."

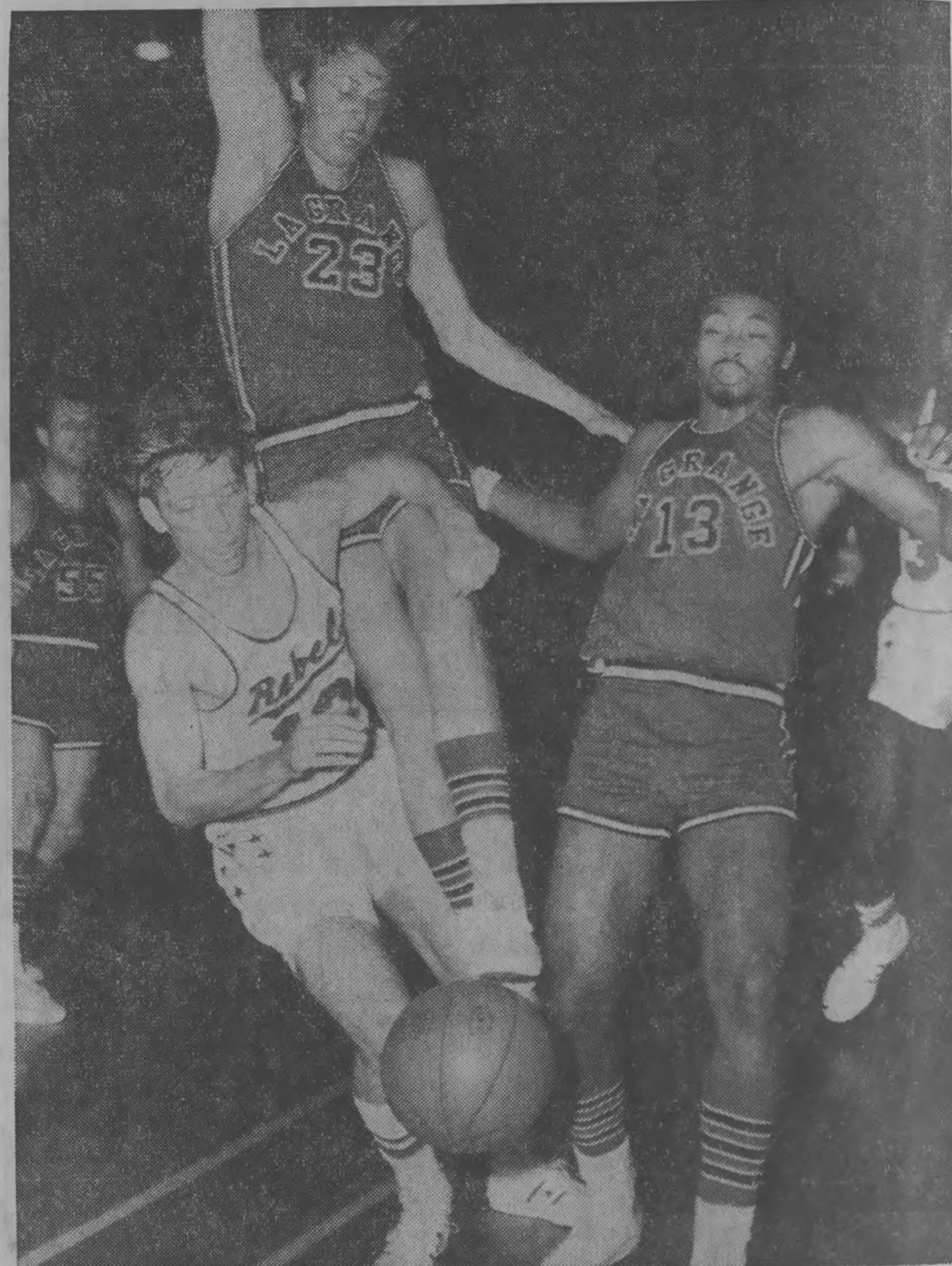
Panther coach Al Mariotti, who was called for a technical foul the first time he stood up and rushed onto the court, made it plain he didn't think the shot was good. His Panthers dropped to 21-5 overall and 9-2 in the GIAC.

The Panthers broke a 2-2 tie early in the ball game and managed to keep ahead between eight and two points until the closing moments when Kenny Alston sparked a Rebel comeback that eventually led to their victory.

With LaGrange leading 69-62, Alston, a 6-7 freshman, hit a free throw with 4:02 remaining and followed it up with two field goals 3:16 and 2:54 left. When he brought the ball downcourt and fired with 1:56 remaining and missed, Tim Hodge, a 6-9 freshman stuffed it back in to tie the score 69-69.

LaGrange's Calvin Williams, the conference's leading scorer, used a jump shot to put his team ahead but Roger Fleetwood came off the Rebel bench to duplicate the shot with 42 seconds left, tying the score again, 71-71.

Dominey calmly added two free throws with 25 seconds left to put VSC ahead 73-71 and the



VSC's Tim Dominey Beats Bob Eble (23) and Floyd Mack (13) To Loose Basketball

-Times Staff Photo

Rebels' hopes rose when Williams fired again and missed. But with 14 seconds left Floyd Mack repeated his standout act of stuffing the rebound back in to tie it.

That's when the Rebs went into action as Dominey brought the ball down court and fired a pass to Willie Oxford. But Oxford found the path to the goal blocked and tossed the ball to Hodge who bumped it back to Dominey with two seconds left.

"Nobody wanted it so I shot," the younger Dominey said, "and I was scared to death it wasn't going in."

The 6-1 junior guard could offer no help to the question flowing around the gym by the spectators as to when, in relation to the buzzer, he let the shot go. "I haven't heard the buzzer

yet," he explained.

Besides chalking up the winning points, the younger Dominey led the team in scoring with 20 points followed by Oxford and Hodge with 16 each and Alston with 11. The latter duo accounted for 13 rebounds apiece.

Bob Eble, the 6-8 junior who makes a mockery of the idea that big men can't shoot from outside, piled up 26 points and a dozen rebounds for the Panthers while Williams was held to 19. Floyd Mack also brought in a dozen rebounds and stuffed eight back in for field goals on his way to his 18-point total.

"I think the press did it for us," Dominey said. "We tried it earlier in the game and they ran all over it but when we put it on in the last few minutes it worked like a charm."

"We had a cold night from the floor. (hitting only 29 of 70) but Dominey, Alston, Oxford, and Hodge all did great in the clutch. And Oxford and Tim did a great job of guarding Williams. He's used to getting a lot more points than that."

Individual and team scoring follow:

VSC (75) — Oxford 16, Dominey 20, Wisenbaker 8, Fleetwood 2, Alston 11, Hodge 16, Springfield 2.

Team totals: field goals 29 of 41 (71 per cent), free throws 17 of 24 (71 per cent), rebounds 40, fouls 16, turnovers 13.

LAGRANGE (73) — Williams 19, Eble 26, Mack 18, Major 4, Hill 6, Robinson, Dorminey.

Team totals: field goals 30 of 64 (47 per cent), free throws 13 of 19 (69 per cent), rebounds 26, fouls 17, turnovers 12.

Baze Needs Basket For Those Awards

Wright Bazemore is going up for another coach of the year honor and another monumental first in the Georgia Athletic Hall of Fame.

The super-successful Valdosta Wildcat coach, who resigned his coaching duties after his 1971 group of Wildcats won their 15th state championship to devote full-time as city school system athletic director, has been nominated for the Georgia Athletic Hall of Fame Coach of the Year, to be announced at the annual awards Banquet in Atlanta Friday.

The Baze is in some pretty classy company in the list of nominees with Vince Dooley, Dan Magill, Whack Hyder and Jim Luck vying for the honor.

He has already been named coach of the year once this season, by the Atlanta Touchdown club.

Bazemore was the first active member of the Georgia Hall of Fame to be inducted in 1960 and at the awards banquet five more members, Joel Eaves, Joe Guyon, Charlton Lewis, Tom Nash and Alline Banks Sprouse are to be inducted.

At the same time, Georgia Southern College Athletic Director J. I. Clements, a Ray City native, has been nominated along with Georgia High School Association Executive Secretary Sam Burke, and University of Georgia Athletic Director Joel Eaves as the sports administrator of the year.

Tickets to the hall of fame banquet are running scarce but director Joe Gerson said a few are still available at \$10 per plate.

The Georgia State Golf Association is boosting its program for tournaments inside the state. Instead of the two familiar meets, the State Amateur and the State Junior, the GSGA has announced six tournaments for the 1972 season.

Three of the tournaments have been designed especially for the guy who shoots 85-95 and the association is moving toward an improved uniform handicap system.

Minimax Computing of Dallas, Tex., has been signed for the calculation of handicaps in Georgia.

Latest stats released by the Georgia Junior College Athletic Association News Bureau show former Berrien star George Sorrell has regained his place as the conference rebounding leader.

Leads In Rebounds

The 6-5 freshman from Nashville, Ga., has pulled down 508 rebounds for an average of 17.6 per game while helping Gainesville Junior College maintain its second place status in the conference.

He's second in scoring with a 25.6 average and fourth in floor shooting at 56.9 per cent.

Meanwhile, former Valdosta High star Roger Rome has been doing his bit to make undefeated Dalton (28-0) the number one team around.

The 6-5 freshman is third in percentage at 62.7 from the field and is fourth in rebounding with a 14.7 average. He averages 17.1 points per game.



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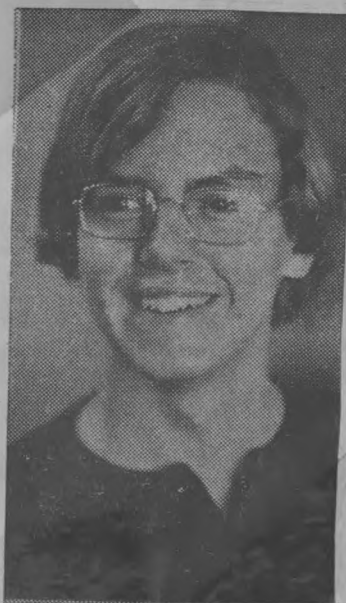
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VALDOSTA, GEORGIA, SATURDAY

Wildcat Country

It's not a very welcome sight to visitors entering the rear of the Valdosta High School campus, but that's the way the art department wanted it. The huge Wildcat was painted by art

teacher Patsy Smi rear of the schoo the nickname giv stadium, Cleveland



TOM ODOM
VHS Winner



—Times Staff Photo by Robert Winter III

Tuba Taps

Mark Jeffery, a Valdosta High School senior and usually a trombonist, gives out with a "low-down" version of Taps as he's towed across Cleveland Field here Friday night. The occasion was the annual "Has Been-Will Be" football game. Jeffery,

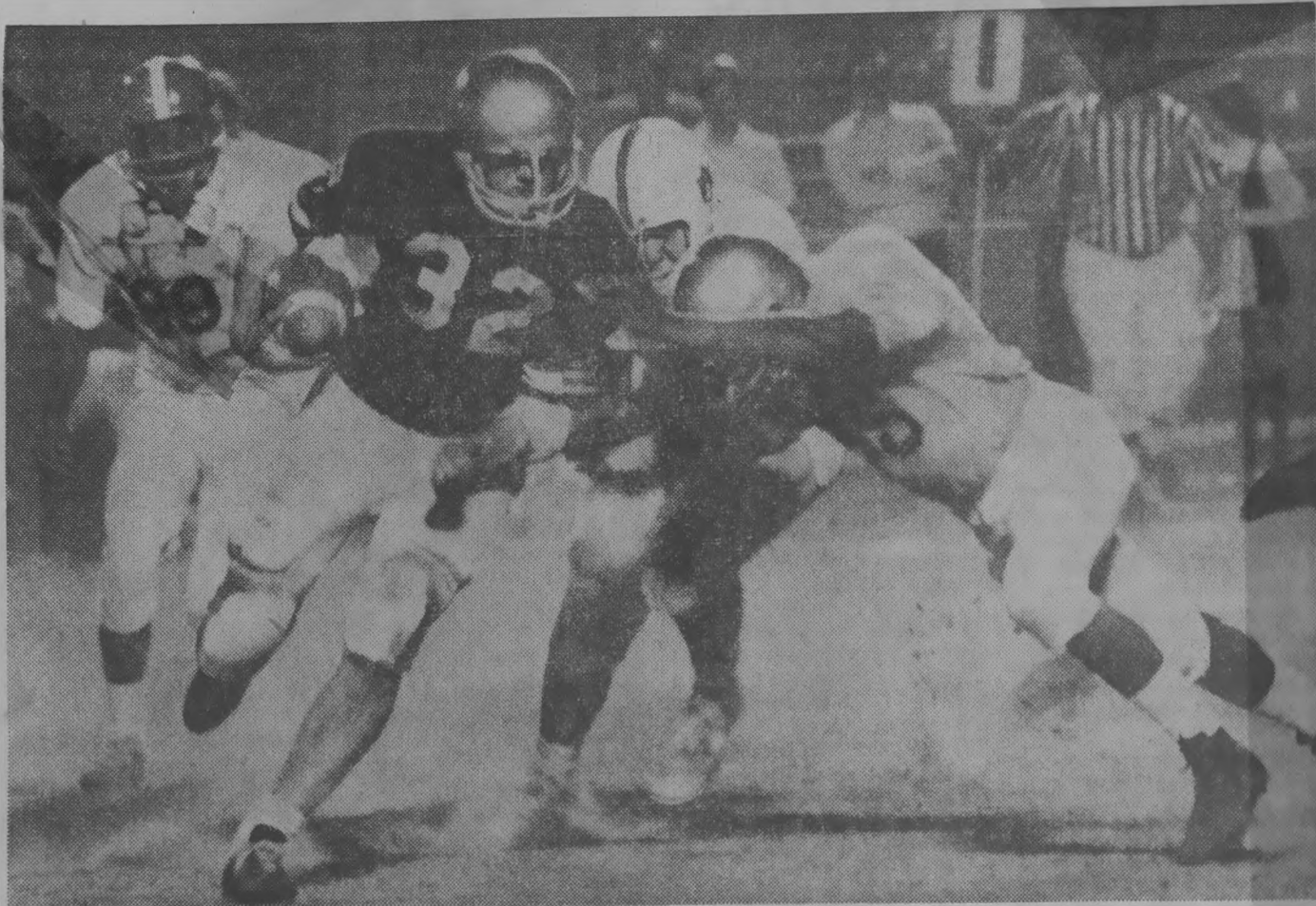
in addition to having to play tuba instead his usual instrument, was the lone member of the "Has Been" band who was not able to squeeze inside a van carrying the others. He was consigned to bringing up the rear in this wagon being towed by the van.

Wildcats Edge Out Has Beens

By JULIAN MILLER
Times Sports Writer

Valdosta's Wildcats backed up the hypothesis that the only way they could get a good game would be to divide into squads and play each other by edging out a team of graduating seniors 13-12 in the annual Has Been-Will Be game here Friday night.

And even though his upcoming team of Wildcats started him off with a victory, rookie head coach Charles Green feels



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STATISTICS

	Wildcats	Has Beens
First Downs	12	15
Yards Rushing	125	110
Yards Passing	65	167
Passes	3-12	11-26
Passes Intc. by	0	1
Fumbles Lost	1	3
Punting	2-54	4-35
Penalties	7-62	17-151

they still have a long way to go before they are ready to meet Region 1-AAA competition.

"We're not physically as tough as I thought we were," he said. "We made a lot of mental mistakes that I hope we can make up for before we start the season."

The traditional meet between the seniors and underclassmen came at the end of three weeks of spring practice for the 'Cats. They close the four-week workout next Friday when they meet Lowndes' Vikings and Thomasville's Bulldogs, both Region 1-AAA foes, in a three-game practice jamboree here.

Neither team made a serious threat in the opening stanza, and when All-American quarterback Stanley Bounds twisted too far and popped his knee out of joint in the second quarter to sideline him for the night, the Has Beens felt sunk.

But Dick Parker, who had backed-up the star signal caller, stepped in to show what he could do, and eight plays and 52 yards later, he hit Dan Johnson with a 23-yard pass to put the seniors ahead 6-0.

It didn't take the 'Cats long to bounce back from the deficit, however. Behind the strong running of junior fullback Pat O'Neal, they took the ensuing kickoff and rambled the 61 yards in 11 plays with Robert Daniels capping the drive on a one-yard plunge. George Round-

A Host Of Has Beens Team Up To Try To Stop Wildcat Fullback Gary O'Neal (32) On a Sweep Around Right End

tree's perfect PAT kick gave the 'Cats the lead and what was to be the deciding point.

The 'Cats got inside the Has Been five times in the third quarter without scoring. The second time the seniors held off the 'Cats after sustaining a first down on the one inch line.

Then in the final quarter, after regaining the ball on downs on their own five the Has Beens drove 95 yards in a dozen plays with Parker's passes to Johnson and Clifford Bradley eating large chunks of territory to allow Willie Anderson to score on a one-yard plunge with 3:26 left in the game.

But again the 'Cats bounced back and with a style that looked similar to the Bounds-Rome combination that led VHS to the 1971 State Class AAA and National Championships, quarter-

back Bruce Hilton coolly tossed a 47-yard bomb to Stanford Rome to win the game with 1:43 remaining.

Green was trying to decide between Hilton (160, jr.), David Demersseman (165, jr.) and John Sandsberry (160, sr.) for the quarterback position and found Hilton the top replacement so far for Bounds.

"Whenever I put Demersseman or Sandsberry in, the defense knew we would run and rushed their backfield," Green explained. "We didn't play the others as much as I would like, though. But we knew Rome and Roundtree could catch and we needed to see what we could do on the ground."

"Hilton did a fine job under the pressure. But we need to work on our punting game, defensive cornerbacks and safeties. But these are all things we knew we had to work on.

People don't realize, guard David Register (200, sr.) is the only defensive lineman returning to his same position. And Gary Rowe (180, sr.), is the only one at safety.

Green praised the work of Rowe, Register, Robert Daniels, O'Neal, Roundtree, Rome, Bobby Brantley, Hilton, David Mitchell, Freddie Wilburn and Ron Daniels. He also lauded seniors Parker and Johnson for staying with his Wildcats.

O'Neal and Daniels were the top ground gainers for the night. O'Neal picked up 72 yards on 11 carries, while Daniels carried eight times for 39.

Parker was the leading offensive man for the seniors, completing 9 of 20 passes for 144 yards and a touchdown, in addition to running six times for 10 yards.

"I just hope the boys have learned where they need to

start doing some serious work," Green added.

LINEUPS SENIORS

Ends: Clarkston, Berrian, Griffin 1, Tackles: Demersseman, Cutchens, Guards: Lester, Gordon, Joseph, Earnest.

Centers: Stanaland, Backs: Foreham, McCaskill, Pompey, Guadin, Payton, Netter, Bradley, Johnson, Parker, Bounds.

WILDCATS

Ends: Rome, Cooper, King, Johnson, Mannel, Graham, Berrian, Massey, Roundtree, Morris, Walker.

Tackles: Griffith, Fountain, Brantley, Irby, Miller, Mitchell, Moorehead, Wilborn, Yale.

Guards: Sullivan, Franklin, Nitem, Christian, Register, Johnson.

Centers: Grant, Scruggs, Bankston, Daniels R., Nowell.

Backs: Hilton, Blue, Sandsberry, Demersseman, Holcombe, Lane, Morrison, Peterson, Binford, Rowe, Demps, O'Neal, Williams, Netter, Griner, Daniels R., Williams.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: WILDCATS — Daniels 8-39, O'Neal 11-72, Roundtree 4-9, Demersseman 1-minus 4, Hilton 6-0, Sandsberry 2-minus 7, Cooper 2-15, Morrison 1-1. SENIORS — Bounds 2-11, Anderson 9-20, Johnson 1-1, McCaskill 5-27, Parker 6-10, Clarkston 6-15, Bradley 2-17, Johnson 1-3.

Passing: WILDCATS — Hilton 2-11-21, Demersseman 1-1-8. SENIORS — Bounds 1-5-8, Parker 9-20-144, Johnson 1-1-15.

Pass Receiving: WILDCATS — Rome 1-47, Daniels 1-8, Roundtree 1-10. SENIORS — Bradley 3-28, Demersseman 2-27, Johnson 6-112.

Punt Returns: WILDCATS — Rome 2-15.

Kickoff Returns: WILDCATS — Rome 1-19, Roundtree 1-17, SENIORS — Bradley, 2-39, Griffin 1-3, Johnson 1-14.

Defense (Number of Tackles): WILDCATS — Rowe 11, Daniels 9, Manvel 7, Morehead 6, Mitchell 7, Roundtree 6, D. Williams 6, Rome 5, Peterson 5, E. Williams 5, Sullivan 5, Graham 5; SENIORS — Griffin 12, Stanaland 11, Goodwill, Berrian 10, Demersseman 7, Clarkston 9, Gordon 8, Parker 8, Netter 6, Pompey 6, Lester 6, Cutchens 5, Earnest 5, Fordham 5.

Score by Quarters:

Wildcats 0 7 0 6 13

Seniors 0 6 0 6 12

Scoring: Seniors — TDs — Johnson (23-yd pass from Parker), Anderson (1-yd run), Wildcats — TDs — Robert Daniels (1-yd run), Rome (47-yd pass from Hilton), PATs — Roundtree (placement),

Wildcats, Kittens Cited At Banquet

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta Basketball Boosters honored Valdosta High's Wildcats and Kittens here Tuesday night and heard both head coaches promise better records in the coming years.

Trophies were presented to outstanding members of the Valdosta High, VHS-Pinevale Campus and junior varsity cagers at the annual basketball banquet at the school cafeteria.

At an informal gathering conducted by Sallas Mahone Elementary Principal and former Valdosta State College basketball coach Jim Melvin, coaches Joe Wilson and Joe Mercer said better years were ahead for both their clubs.

Wilson, who has posted a 58-16 record the past three years with two Region 1-AAA championships and a third place trophy, said the 'Cats could and should do better once they get into their own gym in the new high school facility, scheduled to open next fall.

"We have played in a gym that was not ours, having to practice at night," he said. "But you people are going to give us our gym and if you keep backing us we're going to be right up there in the future."

Mercer, who announced he won't be coaching the Kittens next season, said they should do better than the 2-17 mark they posted this time around.

"We were real young and at times played all sophomores, who hadn't played before," he said. "They should be better next year."

Harry Hausman, team manager for the 'Cats for four years, was given the most faithful award.

Other trophies included most outstanding, Stanford Rome; most improved, George Roundtree; sportsmanship, David Demersseman; Spirit of the Wildcats, John Rowe; hustler, William Peterson; most outstanding junior varsity, Terry Graham, and most outstanding at Pinevale, Amos Hanes.

Trophies presented to the girls included most outstanding, Sharon Flanders; sportsmanship, Micki Folsom; most im-

proved, Kim Smith; Spirit of the Wildkittens, Polly Durden and Ruby Knight; most faithful, Elaine Robinson; most aggressive, Mala Barker; and most outstanding at Pinevale, Gwen Durham.

M. M. (Pappy) Harris, Executive Secretary of the Georgia Sweet Potato Commodity Commission was elected boosters club president for the 1972-73 term. T. Marvin Vinson is the new vice president with Jack Puckett serving as secretary-treasurer.

JULIAN

Miller

Times Sports Writer

Moultrie And Crisp Get Baze's 'Praise'

Notes on this and that:

For the past few years, Wright Bazemore has offered Tift County as the team to beat in Region 1-AAA. And the past few years have been disastrous to the Tifton team.

Well Tift can rest easy now. Baze has put his pre-season praise on Crisp County and Moultrie, in that order.

Speaking at the Valdosta Touchdown Club's annual fish fry here recently, the highly successful high school grid wizard said the Cougars from Cordele and the traditional rival Packers had better be taken seriously.

The former VHS coach, who now is city school system athletic director, explained that everyone knows about Moultrie. They were one of the toughest teams around last year and return almost everyone.

But Crisp should be one of the tougher region teams because the Cougars lose few players at graduation time too.

Now these two teams can sit around and wonder if the Bazemore blessing is really trouble in disguise.

James Dominey is recruiting again and the Valdosta State College Rebels are going back to Indiana.

The Rebel basketball coach, who just completed his rookie year with an 18-8 record and the Georgia Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship, has already signed two players from Kewanna High in Kewanna, Ind., Mike Clyde, a 6-4 guard, and Don Reason, a 6-8 forward.

He has high hopes for these cagers, especially since Indiana players have been such a big part of the Rebel tradition.

We offer in example, John Trimnell, Marty Lehman, Mike Terry, Paul Vick, Ron Fortner, Bob Lamphier, and Roger Fleetwood, and baseball pitcher Danny Petrovich.



JULIAN MILLER

'Cats, Vikes, 'Dogs Mills Jamboree

By JULIAN MILLER

Three Region 1-AAA rivals clash here Friday night in the first annual high school football Jamboree, and three head coaches hope to find what kind of weaknesses their teams have to work on.

Lowndes' Vikings, coached by Noel George, and Coach Jim Hughes' Thomasville Bulldogs are scheduled to join the Jamboree with the host Valdosta Wildcats Friday beginning with the Lowndes-Thomasville tilt at 7 p.m. at Cleveland Field.

Each team is allowed to play the other two for one 12-minute period each. Valdosta and Thomasville lock horns in the second

period with the two Valdosta elevens, the Wildcats and Vikings finishing up the triple-header.

And while all three coaches would like nothing better than to see more points on their side of the scoreboard, they admit that's not the purpose of the event.

"We want to take a good look at our team, especially the second squad," said rookie Wildcat head coach Charles Green. "We have tried to make some improvement over last week's Has Been-Will Be game and hope to see what they have done for us.

"We would like to try out our

passing a little more than we could against the seniors but that depends an awful lot on what the weather is like."

But actually, the purpose of the Jamboree is to learn where the team needs help the most and he's not forgetting that.

"You can always learn something by playing," he said, "and you can learn an awful lot more by playing another team instead of an intra-squad game.

"It's hard to say what you'll learn, but the biggest thing is the experience in game situations, especially for the younger boys who have not played in game type situations before.

"The purpose of the Jamboree

is not to win," "but things could be going the game."

Noel George hopes the Jamboree to help bring down pat for the tired new backfield. "We have been making a lot of mistakes in the past," he said the Viking mentor will lose five offensive backs to graduation this year.

"Our offense isn't great, but we're coming around. It's slowly looking better all the time.

"But we have a good offensive line to work behind. They have some experience, but they haven't jelled yet. We hope

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Wade Johnson (210, sr.); tackles Jerry Day (245, sr.) or Wade Pierce (185, sr.), middle guard Steve Goble (260, sr.) or Dwight Carter (180, sr.), linebackers Tony Lee (180, sr.) and Glenn Bryan (175, sr.) cornerbacks Roger Denton (165, soph.) and Calvin Burgman (155, sr.) or Carl Filmore (150, jr.); and safeties Johnny Runker (145, jr.) and Joel Hunnicutt (130, jr.).

THOMASVILLE
Offense-ends James Ryles (170, jr.) and Curtis Chastain (170, sr.), tackles Nick Vann (210, sr.) and Winston Marshall (175, sr.); guards Mike Sbarra (180, sr.) and John Ramey (155, sr.); center Joe Hay (205, jr.); quarterback David Mitchell (150, jr.), fullback Mike Kavouklis (185, sr.) tailback William Allen Filmore (150, jr.).

Defense-ends Freddie Gabriel (175, sr.), tackles Allen Shiver (170, jr.) and Jim Keyton (215, jr.); guards Tommy Gaston (225, jr.) and Danny Scott (175, jr.); linebackers Michael Bryant (175, jr.) and John David Peoples (165, soph.); halfbacks Ricardo Bowdry (165, sr.), Kelly Kerbo (170, sr.) and safety Lonnie Mott (150, sr.).

LOWNDES
Offense-ends Fred Sanders (170, jr.) and Larry Washington (180, sr.) tackles Kovach (180, jr.) and Andre Shiver (170, sr.); guards Danny Roundtree (170, sr.) and Emory Carter (175, sr.); center Greg McLeod (170, soph.); quarterbacks William Howell (145, jr.) and Larry Thomas (155, jr.) and Larry Johnson (80, jr.) and fullback Larry Johnson (180, jr.).

Defense-ends Abe Clemons (180, jr.) and Randy Jones (165, jr.) or Bobby Bon-

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School Well Passes Test

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The new 1,500 gallon per minute well which is to serve north-east Valdosta and the new \$4.5 million high school got an A on its latest test.

City Engineer Ron Bond said the pumping test was terminated today after being turned on at full capacity for 24 hours.

"It has more plentiful supply of water than any well in Valdosta," Bond proclaimed after the test was run. "We've sent off our last test to the State Health Department and we should know within a week

what the results are."

The test Bond referred to was a bacteriological test required by the health department before the well water is approved for human consumption. The engineer said the water had already passed a health department chemical analysis test.

The \$120,000 well is part of a \$250,000 project to serve residents in the area and the new school. The remainder of the project is a 500,000 gallon water storage tank which is being fabricated in Newnan.

Bond said tank sections are to

be shipped here and put together.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development is paying \$126,000 of the cost of the project, said city officials, and the city school system is paying \$117,000. The city's share is \$59,000.

"Actually we don't know what the final figures will be," said Bond. "The bids we received were substantially under the original cost estimate.

"What will happen is that when the final total is figured, HUD will participate by paying 50 per cent of the cost and the remainder will be divided proportionately between the school system and the city."

Valdosta School System Finally Meets Standards

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

For the first time in several years, the city school system has met minimum academic and administrative standards set by the State Department of Education although Valdosta High School is still considered sub-standard.

The Lowndes County school system has met state minimum requirements each year since the standards listing was begun five years ago, said Supt. A. B. (Sonny) Martin.

Valdosta school Supt. Foster Goolsby said VHS will continue to be sub-standard until the new \$4.5 million is opened next January because of a faculty member's lack of certification.

Goolsby said a part-time chorus instructor, Harold Cartee, does not have a teacher's certificate. Cartee, minister of music at the First Baptist Church, has not had the necessary education courses to qualify for a teacher's certificate, said the superintendent.

"But he is an excellent teacher and we are fortunate to have him," said Goolsby.

The superintendent said he decided to retain Cartee after the Valdosta Board of Education voted a couple of years ago to break a state regulation and allow VHS football players to practice during the regular school hours.

Until this year, one violation in any school would keep the entire system off the standards list, he said.

"That's been changed this year," said Goolsby. "The regulation now reads that to hire a teacher without a valid certificate would affect only the school at which he taught."

Cartee teaches chorus at VHS and the VHS-Pinevale Campus for ninth graders.

"Because the board had already violated one regulation and VHS was not standard anyway I continued to keep Mr.

Cartee," said Goolsby.

"When we moved into the new high school and have room for the practice sessions after school, we won't employ anyone who is not certified," said the superintendent.

About 85 per cent of the public schools in Georgia now meet minimum academic and administrative standards, according to State Department of Education officials.

About half of the schools met the minimum standards five years ago.

Five of the state's 188 school systems failed to meet the state-wide requirements.

School systems which failed to make the list last year but met the minimum standards this year include the county districts of Ben Hill, Byran, Charrilton, Colquitt, Effinham, Gordon, Greene, Haralson.

Harris, Irwin, Miller, Monroe,

Pike, Putham, Taliaferro, Telfair, Tift, Toombs, Turner, Upson and Ware and the city systems of Pelham and Valdosta.

Standards include such areas as health, safety occupancy certificates, teacher certification and course offerings.

'Dogs Lead Way In Jamboree

By JULIAN MILLER

While football fans walked away from the first high school Jamboree here Friday night, wondering exactly who had won, the three head coaches stuck to their pre-game theory that winning was the least important aspect.

Thomasville's Bulldogs, had a scoreless tie with Lowndes' Vikings and defeated Valdosta's Wildcats 7-6 in the second quarter, only to see Valdosta outscore Lowndes 7-2 in the final stanza.

That left the Bulldogs leading, record-wise at 1-0-1 followed by Valdosta at 1-1, and the 'Cats leading in points scored with 13 compared to seven for Thomasville and two for the Vikes.

All three coaches had warned before the games that 12 minutes weren't enough to tell a lot about the teams playing, or to get a lot of action in.

And the three echoed their statements after the action.

About 3,500 fans turned out despite a nippy dip in the temperature to watch the three Region 1-AAA teams end their spring football drills with the first jamboree on Cleveland field.

Coach Noel George's Vikings and Thomasville's Bulldogs, coached by Jim Hughes started things off with 12 minutes of scoreless deadlock.

When the dust had settled, the Bulldogs had the distinction of coming within 13 yards of the Lowndes goal line, where they failed to put over a field goal attempt, and leading in total offense 42 yards to 30.

But the Vikings walked off the field after the first 12 minutes with 36 yards in rushing compared to 14 for the Thomasville boys.

Coach Charles Green's Wildcats took Lowndes' place in the second quarter, and Allen Filmore showed everyone Thomasville had been waiting for them.

He took the opening kickoff on his own 10 and rambled back to the VHS 40 before Stanford Rome ran him down from behind.

Nine plays, one first down, and a blocked field goal later, the 'Cats took over on their own 14, where David Mitchell had recovered the kick he blocked and Bruce Hilton showed Valdosta fans the Wildcat pass was not dead by launching a 44-yard aerial to George Roundtree.

Interference call on Thomasville moved the 'Cats inside the Thomasville five before Lonnie Mott intercepted a Valdosta pass on his own one. Four unproductive plays later Rome put the first seven points on the scoreboard by running a T'ville punt back 39 yards to



—Times Staff Photo

Lowndes' Tony Lee (34) Jamboree Leading Rusher, Cuts Through Valdosta Line For Eight-Yard Gain

scrambling after a fumble in their endzone. Unfortunately for them, Fred Gabriel out scrambled everyone else and tied the score 6-all with his recovery in the end zone.

Mike Kavouklis brought in the winning point with his perfect PAT kick with 42 seconds left.

Valdosta managed to sail down to the Thomasville eight in 40 seconds, but missed on a field goal try of their own in the last two seconds to end the stanza.

By the time Lowndes reached the gridiron again, the 'Cats were ready for their other touchdown. Within three plays after the opening kickoff they

had recovered a fumble on the Lowndes two and Robert Demps sailed across for the TD with 11:10 remaining in the quarter.

But the Vikings weren't ready to roll over and die yet. Even though their offense failed to score, they racked up four first downs without allowing the 'Cats any.

In the closing moments, a Harris Patrick 40-yard punt set them up on their own four and four plays later, Robert Daniels tried to pick up a VHS fumble on his own goal line, only to be shoved out of bounds behind the endzone for the two point safety making the final score 7-2.

Besides leading in the win-loss column, the Bulldogs led in first downs with seven and had the least in penalties with four for 22 yards.

The 'Cats led in passing with 108 yards, but rushed for a minus 10 yards.

Lowndes' Harris Patrick was the top rusher of the Jamboree with 24 yards on three carries.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: VALDOSTA — Demps 1-2, Morrison 1-1, Richardson 1-minus 2, O'Neal 1-4, Hilton 3-minus 15. LOWNDES — Johnson 3-3, Howell 10-18, Lee 2-7, Burgman 3-13, Patrick 3-24, Filmore 1-13, Denton 1-minus 1, Thomas 2-11. THOMASVILLE Kavouklis 5-4, Kerbo 4-16, Filmore 3-11, Andrews 7-10, Mitchell 7-1.
Passing: VALDOSTA — Hilton 3-9-108, Sansberry 0-2. LOWNDES — Howell 1-4-minus 7, THOMASVILLE — Mitchell 3-7-48.

Pass Receiving: VALDOSTA — Roundtree 1-44, Rome 2-64; LOWNDES — Lee 1-minus 7, THOMASVILLE — Riles 2-34, Chastain 1-14.

Punt Returns: Valdosta — Rome 1-39. Kickoff Returns: Valdosta — Rowe 1-8; LOWNDES — Burgman 1-5; THOMASVILLE — Filmore 1-50, Andrews 1-42.

Defense (Number of Tackles): VALDOSTA — Rome 5, Rowe 5, Daniels 5, Roundtree 5, Manvel 4, Peterson 4, Fountain, Irby 3, Nowell 3, Williams 3, Wilborn 3, Berrien 3. LOWNDES — Clemans 5, Lee 4, Bryan 8, Croft 3, Goble 3, Filmore 3. THOMASVILLE — McCollum 5, Scott 4, Eason 3, Mott 3, Kerbo 3, Clark 2, Bowdry 2, Shiver 2, Sharra 2, Ball 2.

LINEUPS

VALDOSTA

Ends: Johnson, Cobb, Mannel, Adams, Graham, Berrien, Massey, Ladrow, Roundtree.

Tackles: Griffith, Fountain, Dodson, Brantley, Irby, Miller, Mitchell, Moorehead, Wilborn.

Guards: Sullivan, Franklin, Nijem, Christian, Register, Hutchens, Johnson, Willy Williams.

Centers: Grant, Bankston, Sandsberry, DeMerseman, Williams, Cooper, King, Blue, Waters, Lane, Morrison, Richardson, Peterson, Binford, Rowe, Demps, Blacklock, O'Neal, Hancock, William, Netter, Savage, Griner, Daniels, Robert, Williams, Berrien.

LOWNDES

Ends: Howell, Patrick, Hunnicut, Johnson, Burgman, Denton, Lee, Welmer, Johnson, Love.

Tackles: Goble, Picce, Croft, Kovack. Guards: Shiver, Carter, Bryan.

Centers: Roundtree. Backs: Washington, Clemans, Alderman, Cabria, Bonner, Filmore.

THOMASVILLE

Ends: Eason, Chastain, Riles, Keyton, Gabriel, Peoples.

Tackles: Gaston, Ball, Marshall, Vann. Guards: Ramey, Shiver, McPherson, Scott, Sharra, Ramsey.

Centers: Har. Backs: Mitchell, McCollum, Andrews, Bowdry, Filmore, Anderson, Mott, Varndoe, Kerbo, Clark, Kavouklis, Bryant.

'Cats Sweep Imps To Open

By TOM STEADMAN

The Tift County High Blue Devils found themselves a tough Rowe here Saturday, but they evidently forgot to bring along their hoes.

Gary Rowe tossed a five-inning shutout at the Devils to help Valdosta High's diamond crew take a 6-0 win the first game of a season - opening doubleheader, then streaked back in the night - cap to score on the delayed end of a double steal, as the 'Cats took a 4-1 verdict and a Region 1-AAA twin - bill sweep.

The junior southpaw allowed only three hits in chalking up VHS's first victory of the year, while sophomore righty David Demerssman blanked the visitors over the last two innings to gain himself a save.

The defending 1-AAA champs, meanwhile, were jumping on Devil starter Joe Burns and reliever Richie Mott for seven hits and six runs, and driving Tift catcher Bill Rousey batty with seven stolen bases.

Centerfielder Walter Wingate started things off for VHS's 1972 season with a single and a stolen base almost before the umpire dusted off home plate.

One out later, left fielder Dick Parker chopped a Burns offering that Rousey fielded but threw over the first baseman's head, scoring Wingate and leaving Parker on first.

Parker proceeded to steal a 1 both second and third, coming home moments later on a wild pitch by Burns.

The 'Cats plated another run in the third, as Wingate came in on a Rowe double, and two more in the fifth, as catcher Eddie Roberts and Parker notched scores on a mixture of an error, a double and a wild pitch.

David Demerssman gave the Wildcats their final 6-0 margin in the sixth, scoring on a John Sandsberry single.

Lefthander Bruce Edwards took the mound for Valdosta in the second game, holding the Devils without a hit for his four-inning stint.

Freshman righthander Cecil Whitehead came on in the fifth to allow only an unearned run the rest of the way, chalking up his first high school victory.

Tift pitcher David Carr gave up one hit over the four innings he hurled, but six walked batsmen brought on Randy Winkler in the fifth.

Winkler absorbed the loss by giving up no hits but four runs.

With one out in the 'Cat fifth, Winkler nicked Sandsberry and Parker to put men on first and second.



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'Cats' Eddie Roberts Safely Scrambles Back To First Base To Foil Pickoff Attempt

A walk to now - centerfield Rowe jammed the sacks, but Sandsberry quickly made some room by coming home on a wild pitch that sent Parker to third and Rowe to second.

Parker then decided he had

been at third long enough and broke for home, but catcher Dick Hilton got the throw from Winkler in time to put two outs on the board and watch Rowe reach third base.

A walk to Jim Clarkston

set the stage for Rowe's antics, as Clarkston wasted no time in breaking for second. Rowe hesitated long enough to see the ball leave Hilton's hand, then streaked home with the 'Cats' second and deciding run.

Tift got one back in the sixth frame, as a singling Mike Coleman stole second and scored on left fielder Jerry Peale's base rap.

Valdosta added two more runs in their half of the inning, however, as David Demerssman and Wingate used a walk, two errors and a pair of wild pitches to reach the final 4-1 margin.

"What can you say?" Wildcat diamond boss Joe Mercer said after the wins. "We made a lot of mistakes out there, but it sure feels good to win."

Mercer praised all four hurlers as doing "excellent jobs," but said his team "wasn't in the game at times. We played well in spots," he continued, "but we made mistakes today that we can't afford to make if we want to win the big game."

"Still, we looked pretty good for the first game," he added.

Thomasville's High's Bulldogs invade the Wildcat diamond Tuesday for a Region 1-AAA affair slated to begin at 4 p.m.

-Negroes Nominated For BofE

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inating committee.

Herrin, committee chairman, said the four men were picked from the dozens of names suggested to the group.

"All of these men have been contacted and have agreed to serve if named by the city council," said Herrin, chairman of the accounting department at Valdosta State College.

Yancey's resignation was effective last Saturday. He had been on the board for 10 years. He was appointed by Mayor-Council to fill the unexpired term of J u d g e Homer Eberhardt, also the board chairman and attorney. Eberhardt was appointed to the Georgia State Court of Appeals in Atlanta.

Yancey, 40, said he stepped down for business and personal reasons.

A ruling of the state auditor also probably played apart in his decision to resign.

Although the most recent audit of the school system by the state won't be made public for several more weeks, speculation has it the state auditor noted in the report it is illegal for a board member to also function as board attorney.

The alleged ruling defies a l o n g precedent for the city school board. Besides Eberhardt, the late Judge A. J. Little was a board member and its attorney for many years.

Newbern, in nominating Yancey be retained as board attor

ney, said school law is technical and not easily mastered.

"In o u r recently resigned chairman, we had a very competent one (lawyer) who in my knowledge was not subject to any criticism in his 10 years experience on the board as attorney," said Newbern.

The board instructed t h e treasurer to draw up a resolution commending Yancey for his work on the school governing body.

Quattlebaum, a radiologist, moves up to the top school post in the system. Gordon Southwell

was elected by the board as vice chairman to fill the vacancy created when the physician was named chairman.

Quattlebaum, 47, is a member of Christ Episcopal Church. He is considered to be the most liberal thinker on the board and is in his second six year term of office.

A native of Nicholls, he and his family moved here in 1960.

Quattlebaum and his wife, the former Madelyn Byus, live at 700 Gorinto Rd. and have two children and a grandchild.

He was a member of the medical staff aboard the hospital ship, S. S. Hope in Colombo, Ceylon, and had done volunteer work in Guyana government clinics.

He organized the X-ray technology school here in 1964.

Negroes Nominated For BofE Post 3

By MARY CROUSE

Four Negro men have been nominated by the Valdosta Board of Education to fill the unexpired term in post No. 3 created by the resignation last week of board chairman and attorney Reuben Yancey.

The list of possible candidates, voted upon by the board at a special meeting Tuesday night, was delivered to Mayor James Beck this morning.

The candidates include Dr. L. W. Williams, Chester Clark, Woodrow Harris and Claydon Barron.

The board voted unanimously to retain Yancey as its attorney and elected acting chairman Dr. Robert Quattlebaum chairman.

Mayor-Council is expected to name a new school board member to fill the four years left in Yancey's six-year term at its meeting this afternoon.

If city council members select one of the men on the list of proposed candidates, Valdosta would have its first black member on the school board in modern times.

According to board treasurer J. L. Newbern Jr., council does not have to name one of the four nominated by the school officials.

Ralph Council and Joseph (Sonny) Vickers were at the meeting to speak on behalf of Williams.

Williams, a dentist, was unsuccessful in his two bids for a school board post. He was defeated in a run off election in February by Bill Eanes.

"All the men are good but Dr. Williams has showed his interest in the schools by running," said Vickers.

Council said he appreciated the fact only black men were nominated for the position.

Harris and Barron are insurance salesmen. Clark works at the Georgia Department of Labor and is a member of the Valdosta Parks, Auditorium, Recreation and Cemetery (PARC) Commission. He is president of the Black Community Action Committee.

Board members Dr. Glen Herrin, Joella Blackburn and Hulyn Smith were on th nom-

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'Cats Split With Cougars

By JULIAN MILLER
Times Sports Writer

Valdosta's Wildcats started off stronger than ever in their high school baseball doubleheader against Crisp County's Cougars here Saturday afternoon.

And even though they blasted away for 11 hits, including three homers, and outscored the Cougars nine 9-5 in the first game the second proved fatal, relieving the 'Cats of their undefeated status and possibly their top pitcher, Stanley Bounds, when the visitors skipped away with a 5-2 victory.

Gary Rowe first put the 'Cats on the victory trail in the initial inning of the first game when he slammed Ricky Mathis' first offering over the left field fence for a three-run homer, after David Demersseman's single and Dick Parker's base-on-balls to give the home nine a 3-0 lead.

Paul Demersseman singled, followed by Walter Wingate's sacrifice bunt and Duncan Fordham's two run-homer to make that lead 5-0.

The Cougars were helpless offensively until the top of the third when Tim Mathews and Curtis Fisher put up back-to-back home runs to close the gap to 5-2.

But Rowe was not to be outdone and came back in the bottom of the inning to slam his second homer, a solo shot in the same area for what turned out to be the winning run.

David Demersseman's run scoring double and Rowe's two-run single in the fourth added support to the lead and offset a three-run outburst by the visitors in the top of the fifth. Freshman Cecil Whitehead closed the scoring with a run scoring single in the bottom of the fifth and David Demersseman had his first decision of the season.

The nightcap was cut to a five-inning affair at Crisp's request and Valdosta coach Joe Mercer took advantage of it to give his bench some experience.

Only one regular starter remained in the lineup when the second game started and Crisp wasted very little time in taking advantage of it.

Cliff Hearn quickly led off and slapped Whitehead's third pitch for a triple, and came home on Fisher's double.

And before the action



GARY ROWE

Big Hitter

in the frame ended, Danny Blizzard singled and came home on another single by Mathews to give the visitors a 2-0 edge. Fisher single-handedly accounted for the winning run in the third when he slapped his second homer of the day, a solo shot over



STANLEY BOUNDS

Reinjured In Game

left field.

A few 'Dosta miscues aided the victory for the Cougars when a throwing error put Rich Bush on second and sent Jim Nobles home, and then Bush came home after two wild pitches to make the lead 5-0. Bounds, relieving White-

head, then struck out the next three batters.

In the bottom of the frame, the 'Cats started to come back. David Demersseman slapped a double and then Bounds followed with another to plate Demersseman. But on the way to first Bounds twisted his knee, reinjuring the joint he had first twisted in a football game three weeks ago. He was carried from the field by his teammates and Rowe took his place on second.

A sacrifice fly by Tom Best plated Rowe but also ended the scoring for the 'Cats.

"I thought we looked fairly good in the first game," Mercer said. "But in the second game, I had all these players who hadn't been given a chance to play yet and I decided to put them in.

"I did the same thing three years ago against Tifton and the same thing happened. But I don't think it hurt us that bad. They needed the experience.

Whitehead took the loss in the second game, starting his record to 0-1 while Nobles picked up the victory in his first start going the distance with only one walk and seven strikeouts with three hits and a couple of runs.

The 'Cats now take their 4-1 record and 2-0 Region 1-AAA (South) chart into action Tuesday when they host Bainbridge's Bearcats at Pendleton Park at 4 p.m. Mercer said Rowe (2-0) would probably start since Bounds would be out indefinitely.

Valdosta and Crisp are both Region 1-AAA foes but campaign in different subregions so the games won't count in league standings.



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Three Lucky 'Penny's'

These Valdosta High School art students competing for the Penney Scholarship Award given by the Georgia Federation of Woman's Club took the top honors at the recent 8th Dis-

trict meeting. Left, Ray Selph, 3rd place, Nancy Rogers, 1st place, and Dorothy Tewell, 2nd place. Miss Rogers and Miss Tewell are to compete for the state scholarship.

Wildcats

Host Pack

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Pack might be "back" in Green Bay, Wisc., but the Moultrie version has never been far away.

Coach Clyde Little's Moultrie High Packers roar into town Friday. And it's a good bet that two-fold revenge will be high on their shopping list when they take on the Valdosta High Wildcats Friday in a 4 p. m. contest.

Coach Joe Mercer's 'Cats finished the 1971 diamond season in a tie with Little's Packers for the Region 1-AAA (S o u t h) crown, but topped the Pack 6-0 on the strong right arm of Stanley Bounds in the subregion playoff.

If that isn't enough previously winless Central of Thomasville lambasted Moultrie 9-0 Tuesday, handing the Packers their first subregion loss and dropping them to a 2-1 chart behind VHS's 3-0 slate.

VHS, Crisp Split Match

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High School's tennis squads split a match with the Crisp County High Cougars and Cougarettes here Thursday with the VHS boys winning 4-1, but the girls dropping a 3-2 decision.

Coach Julian LeFiles boys stretched their record to 5-1 with the win, while Coach John Booth's Kittens fell to 0-6.

Individual results follow:

BOYS

SINGLES: Scotty Slocum (V) beat Gary Shell (C), 7-5, 6-3; Ronald Moor (V) beat Ray Danley (C), 9-7, 6-1; Mike Parrish (V) beat Don Chancey (C), 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.

DOUBLES: Kim Carpenter-Lanny Abernathy (V) beat Shell-Danley (C), 8-5, 6-3; Chancey-Jerry Ellis (C) beat Greg Bass-Ray Hamel (V), 8-1, 6-3.

GIRLS

SINGLES: Patsy Deane (C) beat Allen Mosely (V), 6-1, 6-1; Jill Little (C) beat Maggie Lamontague (V), 6-4, 6-2; Ann Holland (V) beat Nancy Williams (C), 9-7, 6-2.

DOUBLES: Martica Griffin-Karen Holland (V) beat Donna Whittle-Fran Carter (C), 6-3, 6-0; Little-anice Perlis (C) beat Ann Holland-Mosely (V), 0-6, 7-5, 6-0.

Athletic Board Learns

VHS Fund Surplus Won't Go Far

By JULIAN MILLER
Times Sports Writer

Valdosta High Schools' athletic board has more money in its fund than it's used to. But members found Thursday night it won't go as far as they'd hoped.

There's \$72,000 in the fund collected solely from school sports events, about \$50,000 more than usual city schools finance director Jack Kent told the 22 school and booster club officials attending a dinner meeting at Ashley Oaks Restaurant.

He said, however, \$22,000 of it will be used by the end of the school year to pay for new equipment and the board's share of the coaches' salaries. The other \$50,000 is earmarked for adding sports facilities to the new high school expected to be ready for use in January.

Kent explained supplements to teachers' salaries come from tax money. "But the athletic board pays the coaches' supplement," he said. "None of it comes out of tax money."

Kent explained that the surplus in funds came from three championship football games including the State Class AAA playoff, all held at Cleveland Field this season.

Hulyn Smith, board chairman, was only trying to underscore that the board also underwrites band trips to football games when he asked for a report on band expenses.

But a full-fledged 40-minute discussion broke out when Principal Lloyd Mims announced a proposal of \$5,017 for band transportation to the five out-of-town games.

That figure, he said, was arrived at after band director Frank Butenchon agreed to cut the number of traveling mem-

bers from 232 to 190.

Touchdown club president George Smith said any band member who practices throughout the week should be allowed to make the trip.

But Bazemore explained the football team does not carry all its members and only two buses are used.

He and football coach Charles Green, in unison said players usually sit in each other's laps and in chairs installed in the aisles.

But, he said the band takes along more chaperones than are actually needed, and still have empty seats. And it gets at least four buses.

The chairman finally ended the discussion by referring the matter to the school board.

In other action:

—The board members agreed with Hulyn Smith's and Bazemore's proposal to install 600 chair-type seats in the stands

of the new school's gymnasium for reserve ticket sales. They also agreed to advance season ticket sales.

A committee composed of coach Joe Wilson, Bazemore, M. M. Harris, and George Hart was assigned at Wilson's suggestion to discuss ticket prices for the next basketball season.

—Hulyn Smith's suggestion to move the lights from Cleveland Field and the Pinevale Campus football field to the new baseball diamond and track were frowned upon.

But Georgia Power Co. vice-president Lamar Wansley agreed to have his company inspect the lights at Pinevale for use at the track and to draw up plans for separate lighting systems for both new facilities.

—A unanimous vote closed the use of any of the new facilities for any use other than the school's. The board also agreed that admission could be

charged at baseball games.

—The board voted to move the student section for youngsters under high school age to the end zone general admission section during football games for the upcoming year.

This would free the entire south stands for reserve seat use with the exception of the band and high school student sections.

—A committee of Bazemore, Kent, Bobby Green, George Smith, Tommy Hughes, and George Hart was appointed to study ticket prices for the upcoming grid season.

—Another committee of Bazemore, Hughes, Kent, Joe Mercer and Wansley was appointed to organize a spring sports banquet to honor members of the baseball, tennis, golf and track teams.

Team letters are to be awarded at the banquet, to be held within the next four weeks.

Valdosta Is Top French Instructor

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

A Valdosta High School foreign language instructor has been named the Georgia French Teacher of the year.

Dorothy Connell was awarded the honor by the Foreign Language Association of Georgia.

The wife of Dr. Clyde Connell, chairman of the biology department at Valdosta State College, she has taught French at VHS since 1958.

Mrs. Connell is in her 24th year as a classroom teacher. Before joining the city school system, she taught in Athens, Lowndes County and Echols County.

A graduate of VHS and VSC, she has done graduate work at Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn., Mercer University at Macon, the University of Georgia at Athens and Florida State University at Tallahassee.

Mrs. Connell said she uses a modified audio visual approach stresses listening and speaking more than reading and writing which come with the advanced courses.

Dr. and Mrs. Connell attend the Naylor Baptist Church. They have one son, Lt. Cmdr. Danny



DOROTHY CONNELL
Stresses Speech

Connell, stationed at Oceania Base at Virginia Beach, and a grandson.

Mrs. Connell is a past president of Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary society of women teachers, and a member of the American Association of Teachers of French.

Defeat Moultrie

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'Cats Build League Lead

By TOM STEADMAN

Gary Rowe stifled Moultrie on only one run, an unearned marker in the first, here Friday, enabling Valdosta High to drop the Packers 3-1 and strengthen their grip on the Region 1-AAA (South) diamond lead.

Rowe, a junior southpaw, gave up seven Packer hits, but allowed only two Moultrie runners to reach third base after the first frame, raising his hurling shart to 3-0.

Coach Joe Mercer's Wildcats, meanwhile, saw their 1-AAA (South) record soar to 4-0, while the Packers dropped to 2-2.

Moultrie's Ray Barber opened the tilt by drawing a walk, the only free pass Rowe issued all day.

The next pair of Pack batters did nothing more than get Barber to second, keeping Wildcat second sacker John Sandsberry busy with a pop fly and a ground out. Randy Etheridge then chopped an infield twister the 'Cat defense couldn't cope with, though, and Barber crossed the plate for a 1-0 Moultrie lead.

In Valdosta's first, with Dick Parker on second via a fielder's choice and a stolen base, pitcher Rowe slashed a single, leaving men on first and third. Right fielder Duncan Fordham then ripped a triple down the left field line, scoring both Parker and Rowe to put 'Dosta in the lead for keeps at 2-1.

Neither team mounted much offense the rest of the way, except for a brief Valdosta flurry in the fifth inning. Sandsberry singled, stole second, then came home on Rowe's single for the final 3-1 margin.

Senior righthander Ray Goff saw his record sink to 2-1 with his first loss, while the Packers dropped their over-



—Times Staff Photo

Throw In Reaches Moultrie's Randy Etheridge Too Late To Stop Johnny Sandsberry

all record to 4-4. VHS's overall chart now stands at 7-1.

"Defensively we did a good job," Mercer commented after the game. "I thought we made some mistakes, but we came back. That's the sign of a good club."

The Valdosta coach lauded

Rowe's "excellent" effort, and praised the defensive work of third sacker Jim Clarkston.

The Region-leading 'Cats were to host Fitzgerald High's Purple Hurricanes, defending state Class AA champs in a twin-bill here today.

Mercer tabbled sophomore

southpaw Bruce Edwards to do the mound chores for VHS in the 1 p. m. opener, while freshman righty Cecil Whitehead and junior righthander Bruce Hilton were to share duties in the nightcap.

Lowndes, Dosta Battle Tuesday

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Plenty of things are at stake here Tuesday, when the Lowndes High Vikings and the Valdosta Wildcats match diamond squads at Pendleton Park.

The Vikings will be trying to stay out of the cellar in Region 1-AAA (South), for one. And the Wildcats will be trying to fight their way back into the league lead, for another.

Coach Noel George's Lowndes crew enters the 4 p.m. fray with a 1-8 overall mark and a 1-5 league chart, while Coach Joe Mercer's 'Cats come in with 8-4 overall and 4-2 1-AAA (South) records.

Lowndes lost their first seven contests of the year, includ-

ing an 8-2 decision to VHS, but clawed their way out of the league basement last week with a win over last place Bainbridge.

Valdosta meanwhile, took their first four region matches of the season, then fell to Central of Thomasville and Thomasville High in successive road games. Mercer's charges now reside in second place, one game behind the two 5-1 Thomasville schools.

An added incentive for Lowndes in the contest is the fact that Valdosta has dropped only one contest to its cross-town foe in their 13-game rivalry, a 7-4 decision in 1970 at Pendleton Park.

'Cats, Vikes Clash Again

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High's Wildcats were to seek their 13th diamond victory over Lowndes' Vikings in 14 tries here this afternoon in a 4 p.m. tilt at Pendleton Park.

Coach Joe Mercer's 'Cats carried a 4-2 Region 1-AAA (South) record into the battle, while coach Noel George's Vikes enter with a 1-5 mark.

VHS registered an 8-2 verdict over the Vikes earlier this season, and Mercer is hoping his 8-4 Wildcats can use this tilt to rebound from a two-game league loss skein.

George, meanwhile, saw his charges split their last two 1-AAA (South) contests, and would like to notch another win on a 1-8 overall chart.

'Dosta Giants Dump St. Pete

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

HAINES CITY, Fla. — The Valdosta Giants, behind the 12-strikeout pitching of Norvell Kitchen, dropped the St. Petersburg Alouettes 8-6 here Sunday for their fourth win of the season.

James Gray and Carl James blasted home runs for the Giants to pace the winners' attack.

VHS Linksmen Finish Season

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High's golf squad wound up regular season play

here Monday, finishing second to Moultrie's Packers in a four-way links match at the Valdosta Country Club course.

Led by medalist Mike Stallings' with a 75, Moultrie paced the field at 317, followed by VHS', 328; Waycross', 340, and Cook (Adel) 353.

Coach Julian LeFiles' Wildcat linksters, led by Terry Hires' 78, finished their season with a 4-4 mark. Other VHS scores were Pearce Scott, 82; David Evans, 81, and Mike Haygood, 87.

'Cats are to play in the region 1-AAA tourney scheduled Thursday in Tifton.

Bounds Gets Surgery

Stanley Bounds has undergone surgery at Columbus for the knee injury he sustained during the Has Been-Will Be football game this spring. And doctors seem to believe the joint will be better than ever.

The high school All-American quarterback who led Valdosta High to the State Class AAA and National championships while shattering region passing and total offense records had to get permission from his future grid boss Ole' Miss coach Billy Kinard before undergoing surgery.

But Kinard didn't hold back too long. He knew the star signee was in good hands with Dr. Jack Houghston.

Wildcats Triumph Over League Foe

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

MOULTRIE — Valdosta High's Wildcats and Moultrie's Packerettes were the winners in a Region 1-AAA basketball twin-bill here Tuesday night.

Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats turned back Moultrie's Packers, 70-39, in the boys game and the Packerettes finished strong to trim coach John Booth's Valdosta Kittens, 43-30.

With the triumph the 'Cats boosted their record to 14-3. The Kittens now have a 2-13 mark. The Moultrie boys have a 7-11 chart and the Packerettes are 8-9.

In their game, the Wildcats jumped off to an early lead then stayed out front to the finish.

The VHS attack was paced by the trio of Stanford Rome, 13;

Robin Holley, 13, and David Demersseman, 12. In all 13 Valdosta players broke into the scoring column.

"We played one of our best all round games," Wilson said. "We got a strong performance from a lot of players on both offense and defense. I'd have to say I was satisfied."

In the girls game Valdosta had a three-point lead at the half. But in the third stanza the Packerettes outscored the Kittens 17 to 2 to move out front. The Moultrie girls went on from there to victory.

Ruby Knight and Jami Fryssli, each with eight points, were the leading scorers for the Valdosta sextet. The Packerettes' attack was led by Dejo McGee, who tallied 10 points.

GIRLS

Valdosta	8	19	21	30
Moultrie	8	16	33	43
VALDOSTA (30) —	Frysslie 8, Knight 8,	Robinson 7, Durham 6, Hill 1.		
Team totals:	field goals 12, free throws	6 of 19, fouls 11.		
MOULTRIE (43) —	McGee 10, DeMott	4, W. Norman 2, Michelle Davison 18,	Tanner 8, C. Norman 1.	
Team totals:	field goals 20, free throws	3 of 5, fouls 16.		

BOYS

Valdosta	15	39	57	70
Moultrie	8	15	29	39
VALDOSTA (70) —	Whitehead 2, Rome	13, Lewis 2, Hughes 8, Cowart 2, Graham	4, Hilton, Fluit 5, Jones 4, Holley 13, B.	Graham 1, Demersseman 12, Roundtree
Team totals:	field goals 27, free throws	16 of 30, fouls 16.		
MOULTRIE (39) —	Richardson 10, Ben-	ton 6, Hammock 6, Goff 3, Smith 6, Mil-	ler 2, Melborn 2, Hargrove 2	
Team totals:	field goals 15, free throws	9 of 17, fouls 23		

At Brookwood Park Sunday

Spring's The Thing For VHS Art Show

By BILL SMITH

The Art Department of Valdosta High School is to celebrate the coming of spring Sunday with its Fifth Annual Spring Art Show, according to Jerald W. Pilcher department head.

Pilcher said about 150 VHS students are to exhibit paintings, sculpture, graphics, photography, hand-crafted glass and other works from 1-5 p. m. Sunday at Brookwood Park. In case of rain, he added, the show is to be moved to Brookwood Plaza.

The students have been working nights during the past two weeks in preparation for this show, he said.

"There are to be more entries this year than ever before and there are entries in several new fields as well."

Two young men who are to have projects exhibited in the show are Lonnie O'Neill and Whipple Riley.

Riley, a 16-year-old sophomore at VHS has entered several items of macrame and batik in the show.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Riley of Forest Manor Apartments, he says he may become a professional artist. He plans to attend Florida State University at Tallahassee.

In describing his work, Riley says the batik is his favorite.

"That's when you take a piece of fabric and make a design on it," he said. "Then you dye the fabric. It comes out real nice for wall hangings and things like that."

His other medium of expression is macrame, a craft in which masses of thread are knotted to make belts, headbands and similar items.

He is to demonstrate his craft as part of the show Sunday.

O'Neill, a 19-year-old senior at VHS, is the son of Glenn O'Neill of Valdosta. He has entered ceramics in the show this year. Like Riley, he likes doing craft work but said, "I think I'll probably do it as a hobby rather than as a career later."

Asked to describe how ceramics are made, O'Neill said "You take the clay and pound it until there are no air bubbles, then form it and roll out a slab or put it on the wheel."

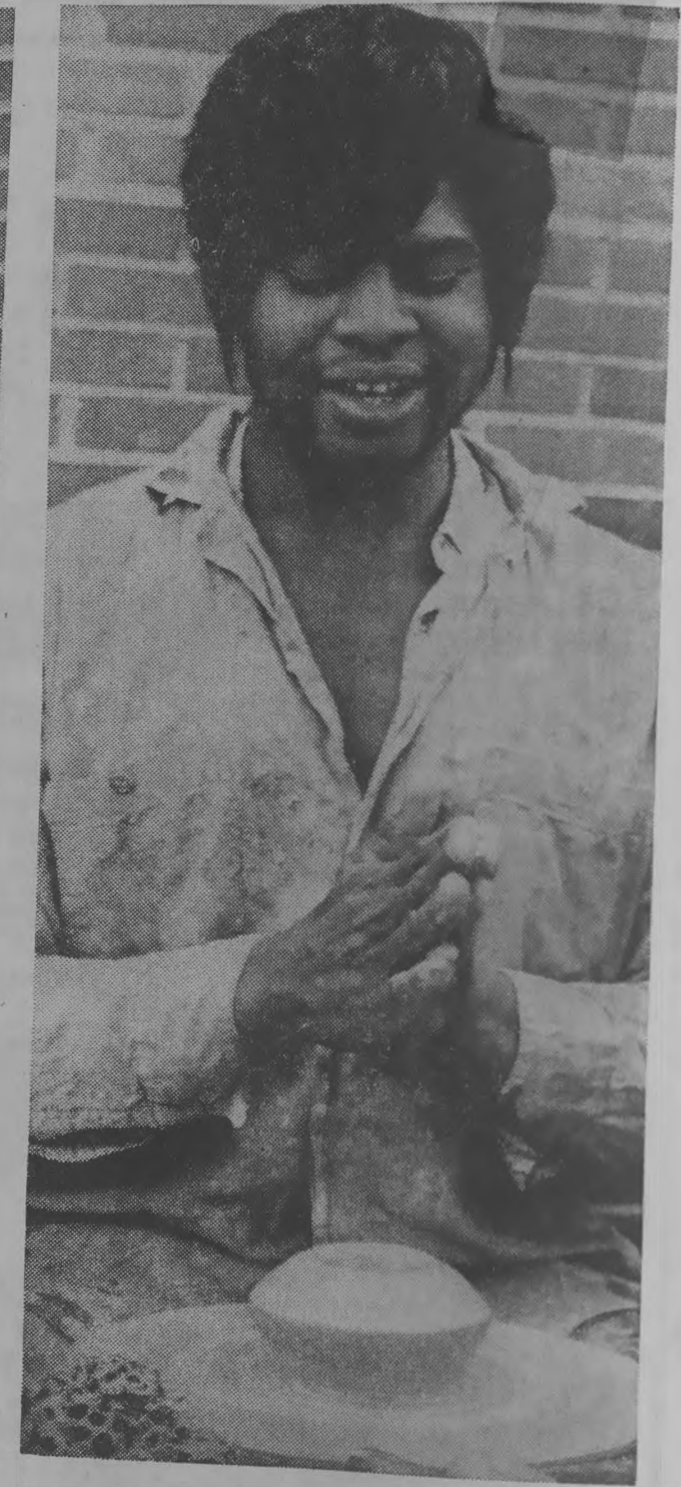
The wheel is a large stone

disc spun at high speed while the craftsman holds a and shapes clay into pottery or ceramics.

"When that part is finished the work is fired in a stone oven and then glazed for the finished project," he said.

There are two basic designs in ceramics. The rib, which shows a horizontal striping effect, and the coil, a more vertical effect, according to O'Neill.

In order to defray the costs of the show, each student has



—Times Staff Photos

Lorenzo Cooper At Wheel: Pottery For Sale

donated one piece of work for the show.

"We want people to know that this is not just a high school art show. The entries are to go on sale after the show," said O'Neill.

No purchases may be made

during the show, however.

Pilcher said purchases could be made by telling the individual artist which piece the buyer wants and picking up the work any day after the show.

The show is open to the public and there is no admission.



Richard McClary Fires Glass Blowing Furnace: All Art Media On Exhibit

Unbeaten In Leagues

'Cats, 'Canes Split Twin-Bill

By TOM STEADMAN
Times Staff Writer

Valdosta High's Wildcats were knocked groggy by the Fitzgerald Purple Hurricanes here Saturday, but managed to get in enough licks of their own to earn a split of the non-region diamond twin-bill.

The Region 1-AA Hurricanes blitzed 'Cat hurler Bruce Edwards for 12 hits and nine runs in the first game to record a 9-5 win, but were stymied by freshman pitcher Cecil Whitehead in a 5-3 nightcap loss.

Fitzgerald lefty Eddie Luke carded his fourth hurling win of the year without a loss in the first game, checking the Region 1-AAA (South)-leading Wildcats on seven hits and recording nine strikeouts.

A single and two free passes jammed the sacks in the first frame, and Tony Tucker chose that moment to stroke a two-run single.

Allen Woods' safety left the bases full once again. Ronnie Blackstock brought in two more runs with the fourth 'Cane hit of the frame before the 'Cats could put out the fire.

In the bottom of the inning Gary Rowe plated Johnny Sandsberry with a single. But Luke whiffed two more batsmen to stifle the rally.

Fitzgerald added a marker in the second on two singles and a ground out, and another in the third when Terry Hester reached on a fielder's choice, stole

First Game					Second Game				
	ab	r	h	rbi		ab	r	h	rbi
Fitzgerald	3	1	2	1	Fitzgerald	3	1	1	0
J. Giddens, 3b	5	1	2	1	J. Giddens, p	3	1	1	0
Massee, ss	3	3	2	0	Massee, ss	4	0	2	0
G. Giddens, c	3	1	2	1	G. Giddens, c	2	1	0	0
Luke, p	2	1	1	1	Luke, lb	2	0	1	1
Tucker, lf	4	1	2	3	Tucker, lf	3	0	0	0
Woods, rf	5	0	1	0	Woods, rf	3	0	0	0
Davis, cf	4	0	1	0	Davis, cf	3	0	0	0
Blackstalk, 1b	4	0	1	2	Hobby, 3b	3	1	1	0
Hester, 2b	3	2	0	0	Hester, 2b	2	0	0	1
TOTALS	33	9	12	8	TOTALS	25	8	6	2
Valdosta	ab	r	h	rbi	Valdosta	ab	r	h	rbi
Sandsberry, 2b	3	2	2	2	Sandsberry, 2b	3	1	2	0
Fordham, rf	4	1	1	0	Fordham, rf	3	0	1	1
Parker, lf	1	0	0	0	Rowe, cf	3	0	2	1
Rowe, cf	4	0	2	2	Stanaland, lb	3	1	1	0
Clarkston, 3b	4	0	0	0	Parker, lf	3	1	1	0
D. Demersseman, ss	3	0	0	0	Demersseman, ss	3	1	1	0
P. Demersseman, lb	4	0	0	0	Wingate, 3b	3	1	1	1
Roberts, c	3	1	1	0	Whitehead, p	3	0	1	0
Edwards, p	3	1	1	0	Roberts, c	3	0	0	0
TOTALS	29	5	7	4	TOTALS	27	5	10	3
Fitzgerald	411	020	1-9	12-1	Fitzgerald	210	000	0-3	5-3
Valdosta	100	022	0-5	7-0	Valdosta	022	100	x-5	10-4
E - Massee.					E - Massee, Tucker, Hobby, Sandsberry, Demersseman 2, Whitehead.				
DP - Hester to Massee to Blackstalk (2).					DP - Demersseman to Sandsberry to Stanaland.				
LOB - Fitzgerald 12; Valdosta 8.					LOB - Fitzgerald 5, Valdosta 5.				
2B - Giddens, Sandsberry.					2B - Hobby, Rowe, Whitehead.				
SB - Massee, G. Giddens, Luke, Woods, Hester.					S - Hester.				
	ip	h	r	er	bb	so			
Luke (W-4-0)	7	7	5	3	4	9			
Edwards (L-2-1)	7	12	9	9	8	3			
HBP - G. Giddens (by Edwards), Sandsberry, (by Luke).									
WP - Luke.									
PB - Giddens, Roberts.									

second, and came home on a Johnny Giddens single.

The Hurricanes increased their margin to 8-1 in the top of the fifth stanza with a walk and three singles plating two additional scores.

Coach Joe Mercer's 'Cats struck for a pair of their own in the fifth, using a hit batsman, an error, a passed ball and a wild pitch to cut the Fitzgerald lead to 8-3.

The sixth frame also belonged to Valdosta. Sandsberry's double brought home

Eddie Roberts and Edwards, closing the gap to 8-5.

Coach Jack Rogers' 'Canes closed the scorings in the seventh on a walk, a stolen base with a double, widening the final margin to 9-5.

A walk and a costly Wildcat error got Whitehead off to a shakey start in the second contest, as Fitzgerald jumped off to a 2-0 first inning lead.

After another 'Cane counter in the second, the Wildcats got two of the scores back in their half of the frame on a single

and a pair of Fitzgerald errors, leaving the margin 3-2.

Valdosta took its first lead of the day in the third inning, going ahead 4-3 on three singles and a slipup in the Fitzgerald outfield that accounted for two more runs.

Sandsberry gave the 'Cats their final 5-3 margin in the fourth, when he singled, moved to second on Fordham's base rap, and came home on Rowe's safety.

"We played poorly," Mercer moaned after the split. "We weren't in either game, not even the one we won."

Mercer attributed much of his squad's "downness" to Friday's Moultrie contest, won by VHS 3-1. "They just got up so high for Moultrie that they didn't have anything left today."

The diamond boss praised Fitzgerald as the "best team we've played," and Luke and catcher Gary Giddens as "the best battery we've faced."

Both teams, defending champs in their respective regions, went home with 8-2 marks and both remained undefeated in league play.

As for the pitchers, Luke's chart soared to 4-0, Edwards' fell to 2-1, Whitehead raised his to 1-1, and second game loser Johnny Giddens plummeted to 2-1.

The 'Cats, 4-0 in 1-AAA (South) play, journey to Thomasville Tuesday for a 4 p.m. matchup with the 3-1 Central High Yellow Jackets.

Band Trips Cost

But at this suggestion, head track and football coach Charles Greene added the coming thing in this area is night track, and the installation of the lights around the track would be a definite boost to his program too.

Smith wanted the board members to know they pay the band's way to football games. But a full-fledged discussion broke out after Principal Lloyd Mims announced the band needed \$5,017 to go. And that didn't include food costs.

It wasn't until members said the band should be allowed to take everyone who practices during the week, that Wright Bazemore, the walking calculator, stepped in.

He quickly explained that a lot of the football team has been left behind on road trips because "there was simply not enough room to take them.

"Now I could have probably gotten another bus to take them along," he added. "But if I did, ya'll wouldn't have no \$72,000 left."

Federal Revenue Sharing

Valdosta Would Get \$300,000

By KENNETH B. DALECKI
Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Valdosta is tentatively scheduled to receive \$300,694 annually in new Federal money under the proposed revenue sharing bill, it was learned today.

A copy of a Treasury Department computer breakdown disclosing how funds would be distributed to local communities in Georgia was obtained by the Times Washington Bureau.

The Bureau's source emphasized that the figures are still subject to change. They were prepared only for states repre-

sented by the 25 members of the House ways and Means Committee.

The tentative breakdown gives this picture of how the new financial bonanza would be shared in the Valdosta area:

Lowndes County — \$397,193.

Valdosta — \$300,694.

All other cities in the county — \$22,844.

The total for Lowndes County and all of its political subdivisions is \$720,731.

Total for other Georgia counties in the area include Brooks, \$215,712; Berrien, \$166,906; Cook, \$175,182; Clinch, \$95,164; Echols, \$28,974; Gordon, \$293,

693 and Lanier, \$73,975.

In Florida, Madison County and its political subdivisions would get \$204,331 and Hamilton \$119,489 under the tentative schedule.

Earlier it was announced that Georgia would receive a total of \$103.5 million each year under the bill, \$28.4 of that going to the state government and \$75.1 being passed on to local governments.

The \$5.3 billion Revenue Sharing legislation is scheduled to receive final approval shortly in the House Ways and Means Committee and then will go to the House where it is also ex-

pected to win a speedy okay.

Its fate is less certain in the Senate, but financially hard-pressed state and local governments are mounting an intensive lobby campaign there in its behalf.

The pressures of an election year are expected by most observers to result in Senate approval and President Nixon — who has been urging revenue sharing for several years — is certain to sign the measure.

Under provisions of the measure drafted by Chairman Wilbur Mills of the House Ways and Means Committee, the Federal government would distribute \$5.3 billion to state and local governments for each of the next five years.

Effective date of the bill is Jan. 1, 1972, which means localities will receive their initial cash this year if the bill becomes law.

A complicated formula has been devised in distributing the money which takes into account a locality population, the amount of money it raises from local taxation, the degree of urbanization of a locality, and the per-capita income of a locality's residents.

All of these factors, for thousands of local communities across the nation, had to be fed into a computer to come up with figures showing how the \$5.3 billion revenue sharing pie would be cut up.

The figures obtained today

are from the third computer run made by the Treasury Department and are believed to be more reliable than previous efforts to arrive a distribution of the money.

The first \$1.8 billion in revenue sharing money will go directly to state governments for use in any way they see fit.

The remaining \$3.5 billion each year will go to general units of local government; such as counties, townships, villages and cities. Single purpose local government units — such as school districts — do not share in the money.

Under the proposed law, local governments may use the money only for police and fire departments, anti-pollution efforts such as garbage and sewage collection, and for transportation and street maintenance projects.

The Ways and Means panel has killed a "maintenance of effort" provision; which means a city could use all of its revenue sharing funds to help pay for existing operations and reduce local property taxes by the amount of new Federal cash it is slated to receive.

If Congress this year passes revenue sharing, and a pending Welfare Reform Bill which would relieve local governments of heavy welfare costs, this could go a long way toward easing rising local property taxes which burden many communities.

Travel In Cars

Coaches Wilson and Julian LeFiles added they'd like to have a better way to transport the basketball, tennis and golf teams than the private cars they're now using.

"The percentages are going to catch up with us some time," Wilson said, worried about accidents.

As a final addition to the minutes, the meeting voted to have a banquet to honor spring sports, a section of VHS sports forgotten in past years.

But by that time, there was no money left to do it with. The spring sports athletes can expect a banquet — because Bazemore and Tommy Hughes are in charge of the food.

"But when you go to buying trophies," Bazemore added, "you're talking about some money there."

It seems even the richest sports program in the state can't do everything.

Even Rich 'Cats Can't Have It All

Usually by the end of the school year, Valdosta High School's athletic board has broken even between the money brought in and the amount paid out.

But three football championship games played at Cleveland Field this season have left the board with a \$50,000 surplus that, to say the least, has delighted the board members.



JULIAN MILLER

Julian Miller, secretary of the board, is probably the only one in the state that supports itself entirely without tax money. All the money spent comes from ticket sales.

During the past, the football team has been the chief money maker. But this year, Coach Joe Wilson announced the basketball teams have "paid their way." And the board hopes to help the team continue to do so.

Some 600 moulded, chair-type seats are to be installed in the new 2,200-2,600-seat gymnasium to be used as reserved seats.

The board figures if a section could be roped off from the student sections, in a prime, more comfortable position, there should be no problem in selling the seats.

That's provided for in the \$50,000. But the rest of the suggested things weren't.

Board chairman Hulyn Smith suggested installing lights on the new baseball diamond, and head coach Joe Mercer backed the idea "a hundred per cent."

It was hoped the baseball team could start charging admission to night games. And it was conceded the later games are a definite home-field advantage.

At the board meeting here last week secretary Jack Kent announced the board savings account holds \$72,000 at the moment. But \$22,000 is to be spent before the year ends for equipment and the board's share of the coaches' salary.

And the remaining \$50,000 has been earmarked for adding equipment at the new high school facility expected to be completed in January.

After hearing the report, the board, school officials and booster organization members began a series of discussions that showed them \$50,000 won't buy everything they'd like to have.

Here it should be pointed out that the VHS program is probably the only one in the state that supports itself

In Extra Frame

'Dogs Bite 'Cats

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

THOMASVILLE — Valdosta High School made one costly slipup here Friday. The baseball may never be found.

The Wildcats, defending Region Champs, blazed into the fourth inning of a 1-AAA (South) diamond match with the Thomasville Bulldogs with a 3-1 lead and a share of the league lead.

Bulldog catcher Clint Monk led off with a double, however, and Wayne Bowen blasted a Gary Rowe pitch for a 395-foot home run that escaped the confines of the former minor league stadium here, knotting the score 3-3 and enabling the home squad to post a 4-3 extra-inning win.

The Bulldogs, now 5-1 in region play, dropped Coach Joe Mercer's VHS Wildcats from a three-way tie with Thomasville and Central High for the league lead. Central, 4-0 winners over Bainbridge Friday, now shares the lead with cross-town rival Thomasville, while Valdosta resides one game behind the leaders.

Thomasville drew first blood in the contest via a suicide squeeze bunt in the first frame, taking a short-lived 1-0 lead.

The 'Cats came back to knot the score in the second frame, though, when Walter Wingate's single plated Steve Stanaland.

VHS struck again in the third, when two runs crossed on an error, a stolen base, a balk and two singles, giving the 'Cats a 3-1 lead.

After Rowe weathered Bowen's blast, his second homer of the season hit out of the stadium, the junior hurler managed to shut the Bulldogs out for the remainder of regulation play, but Bulldog pitcher Lavon Keadle did the same to the 'Cats.

Thomasville sent men to second and third with only one out in the last regular inning, but a strange double play wiped out that threat for the Wildcats.

An attempted suicide squeeze failed when Rowe fired a pitch-out, catching the moving runner between third and home in a rundown. Then a quick relay to second base caught another runner napping for the inning's final out with the score knotted 3-3.

The Bulldogs finally ended the contest in the eighth frame, when a single and triple plated

the tilt's final run. "We played well enough to win," Mercer said after the loss. "We made one mistake, and, boy, he hit it a country mile."

The VHS diamond boss said Rowe, now 3-1, did a good job. "I'm real proud of them, they fought hard."

Mercer said the 1-AAA (South) race is far from over, however. "We're still in it," he said. "Thomasville and Central have to play each other again, and each one has to play Moultrie. We've still got a chance."

The now 8-4 'Cats entertain cross-town rival Lowndes Tuesday in a 4 p.m. contest.

Box Scores

Valdosta	ab	r	h	rbf
Sandsberry, 2b	4	0	0	0
D. Demersseman, ss	4	1	0	0
Rowe, p	4	1	1	0
Stanaland, 1b	4	1	1	1
Parker, lf	2	0	1	0
Clarkston, 3b	3	0	1	0
Wingate, cf	3	0	2	1
Roberts, c	3	0	0	0
Dame, rf	3	0	0	0

TOTAL	ab	r	h	rbf
Thomasville	30	3	6	7
Floyd, cf	2	1	1	0
Heard, 2b	3	1	2	0
Reagan, ss	3	0	1	1
Monk, c	2	1	1	0
Willis, 1b	3	0	0	0
Bowen, 3b	3	1	2	2
Fykes, rf	3	0	0	0
Simpson, lf	3	0	1	0
Keadle, p	2	0	0	0

TOTALS	ab	r	h	rbf
Valdosta	24	4	8	3
Thomasville	012	000	3-6-1	
Thomasville	100	200	01-4-8-3	

E — Roberts, Reagan, Monk, Bowen.
DP — Roberts to Clarkston to D. Demersseman to Sandsberry to D. Demersseman.

LOB — Valdosta 6; Thomasville 1.
2B — Monk.
3B — Reagan.
HR — Bowen.
SB — Floyd, Heard, Simpson, D. Demersseman, Rowe.

AC	ip	h	r	er	bb
Rowe (L-3-1)	8	8	4	3	3
Keadle (W-3-1)	8	6	3	2	0
BALK — Keadle, Rowe.					
PB — Roberts.					

Valdosta Defeats Lowndes Again

By TOM STEADMAN
Times Staff Writer

Though the circus won't come to town for several months, Lowndes and Valdosta decided to stage one of their traditional baseball sideshows anyway here Tuesday afternoon.

Coach Noel George's Lowndes Vikings and coach Joe Mercer's Valdosta Wildcats took part in a Pendleton Park frolic that saw 25 runs scored, 10 of them unearned, five pitchers, four balks, five home runs, 10 errors, and nine stolen bases, enroute to a 16-9 Valdosta Region 1-AAA (South) win.

Mercer's 'Cats continued their mastery over the Vikings by winning their 14th contest of the fifteen-game rivalry, receiving round trippers from Gary Rowe, Steve Stanaland, Dick Parker and Bobby Brantley along the way.

Lowndes, meanwhile, struck for six unearned runs and three earned marks, including a Tom Love homer while sinking to a 1-6 league chart.

The now 9-4 VHS squad raised its region chart to 5-2 via the win, pulling into a second place tie with Central High's Jackets, 12-3 losers to number one Thomasville Tuesday. The league-leading Bulldogs sport a 6-1 1-AAA (South) slate.

VHS jumped on Lowndes starter Wayne Phillips in the initial frame, notching four runs on two hits, include a Rowe double.

Southpaw Paul Dubose came on for the Vikings after Phillips failed to retire any of the first five Valdosta batters, and

managed to put out the fire without any further damage. Lowndes rode the merry-go-round in the second canto, notching six runs off only one safety, Mason Barfield's lead-off single. Barfield's hit and three straight walks drove VHS start-

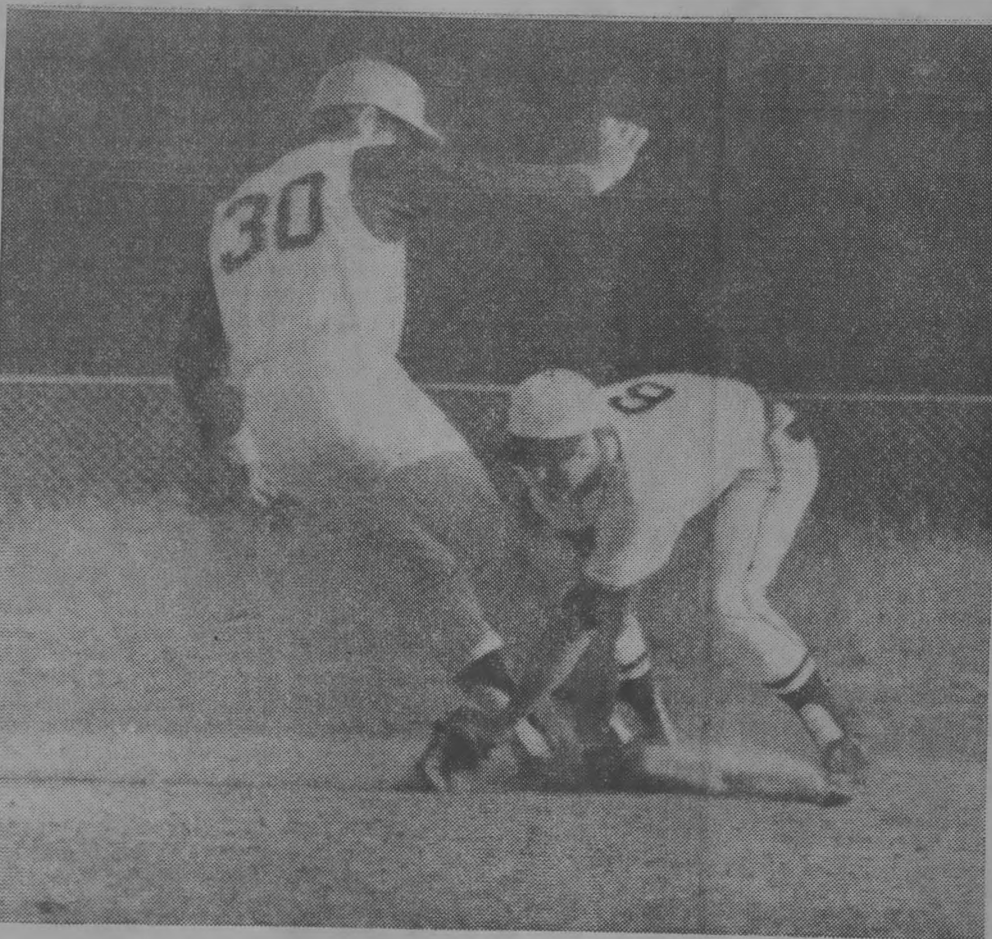
er Bruce Edwards from the mound. Before reliever Bruce Hilton could stifle the rally, Lowndes had a 6-4 margin.

Lowndes struck for another counter in the third, when Willie Linahan walked, went to second on a groundout, to third on an error, and came home on

a wild pitch. But Valdosta came back for a pair of their own runs as big first sacker Stanaland blasted his first homer of the season, driving in Rowe before him.

Love blasted a solo round tripper in the top of the fourth for an 8-6 LS lead, but Valdosta got it back and more in their half of the inning, on a two-run Rowe homer and a solo Parker rip to take a 9-8 margin.

The Vikings' Richard Lamon scored the squad's final tally in



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the fifth frame coming in on a Wildcat throwing error to knot the count at 9-9.

From then on out it was all 'Cat, however, as Mercer's men scored two in the fifth on two singles, two stolen bases and a pair of passed balls, and five in the sixth on Brantley's homer, a pair of errors, a hit batsman, a walk, and a sacrifice.

"We always have some weird games with them," George said after the tilt. "We tried hard and hit well in spots. Today our pitching just fell through."

The Vikings host Thomasville's Bulldogs Thursday, while VHS journeys to Bainbridge Friday for a tilt with the cellar-dwelling Bearcats.

Lowndes	ab	r	h	rbi
Howell, cf	3	0	0	0
Barnes, 2b	4	0	1	0
Love, rf	4	1	1	1
Barfield, 1b	4	1	2	0
Linahan, lf	2	2	0	0
Green, ss	3	1	0	0
Lamon, 3b	1	2	0	0
Rumker, c	3	1	0	0
Phillips, p	0	0	0	0
Dubose, p	3	1	0	1
Lehman, p	0	0	0	0

TOTALS	ab	r	h	rbi
Valdosta	27	9	4	2
Sandsberry, 2b	3	1	1	1
D. Demersseman, ss	2	1	1	0
Whitehead, ss	3	2	3	0
Rowe, cf	2	3	2	4
Stanaland, 1b	3	2	1	2
P. Demersseman, 1b	1	0	0	0
Parker, lf	2	2	2	1
Wingate, rf	3	0	1	0
Brantley	1	1	1	2
Clarkston, 3b	3	2	1	0
Roberts, c	3	1	1	0
Edwards, p	0	0	0	0
Hilton, p	4	1	0	0

TOTALS	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Lowndes	30	16	14	10		
Valdosta	061	110	0	9	4	4
E — D. Demersseman 3, Clarkston, Roberts 2, Howell, Linahan, Green, Rumker.						
LOB — Lowndes 4; Valdosta 6.						
2B — Rowe.						
HR — Love, Rowe, Stanaland, Parker, Brantley.						
SB — Sandsberry 2, D. Demersseman, Whitehead, Rowe, Clarkston, Lamon 3.						
S — Roberts.						
SF — Sandsberry.						

Phillips	0	2	4	4	2	0
Dubose (L-0)	5	9	7	6	2	3
Lehman	1	3	5	2	1	0
Edwards	1	2	4	2	4	1
Hilton (W-1-0)	6	2	5	1	4	5
HBP — Stanaland (by Phillips) Clarkston (by Dubose).						
BALK — Edwards, Hilton, Phillips, Lehman.						
WP — Phillips 2, Dubose.						
PE — Rumker 3.						

VHS Linksmen Finish Season

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER
Valdosta High's golf squad wound up regular season play

here Monday, finishing second to Moultrie's Packers in a four-way links match at the Valdosta Country Club course.

Led by medalist Mike Stallings' with a 75, Moultrie paced the field at 317, followed by VHS', 328; Waycross', 340, and Cook (Adel) 353.

Coach Julian LeFiles' Wildcat linksters, led by Terry Hires' 78, finished their season with a 4-4 mark. Other VHS scores were Pearce Scott, 82; David Evans, 81, and Mike Haygood, 87.

'Cats are to play in the region 1-AAA tourney scheduled Thursday in Tifton.

'Dosta Netters Lose Last Meet

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER
THOMASVILLE — Coach Julian LeFiles' Valdosta High School boys tennis squad dropped its record to 5-3 here Thursday by way of a season-ending 4-1 loss to Thomasville High.

The Wildcat netters are to host the Region 1-AAA tournament here Thursday, with league contests to be played on both the VHS and McKey Park courts.

BOYS

Singles: Stephen Feinberg (T) beat Scotty Slocum (V), 6-2, 6-2; Greg Bass (V) beat Frank Hjort (T), 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.
Doubles: Jesse Booth - Bobby Balfour (T) beat Ronald Moore-Mike Parrish (V), 6-0, 6-1; Rick Thomas-Blake Brooker (T) beat Lanny Abernathy-Ray Hamel (V), 6-2, 7-2, 7-5; Tim Eckberg-Joe Ellis (T) beat Burt Carter-Hamel, 6-0, 7-5.

VHS Defeated In Net Duels With Moultrie

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

MOULTRIE — Valdosta High School's net squads dropped a twin-bill to Moultrie's Packers and Packerettes here Wednesday, with the Wildcats falling 5-0, and the Kittens dropping a 3-2 decision.

Coach Julian LeFiles' men were to take a 5-2 record into today's hosting of Thomasville at 2 p.m., while the loss closed out the season for Coach John Booth's Kittens.

BOYS

Singles: Warren Kirk (M) beat Scotty Slocum (V), 6-2, 6-0; Tommy Bowermeister (M) beat Ronald Moore (V), 6-1, 6-2; Sam Whatley (M) beat Mike Parrish (V), 0-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Doubles: Mike Chammonin-Ash Grimmitt (M) beat Greg Bass - Lanny Abernathy (V), 6-2, 6-0; Bob Cobb - Willie McCall (M) beat Burt Carter - Ray Hamel (V), 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.

GIRLS

Singles: Michelle Davidson (M) beat Ann Holland (V), 6-0, 6-2; Allen Moseley (V) beat Lita Neole (M), 6-3, 6-3; Karen Holland (V), beat Peggy Tremble (M), 8-3, set.

Doubles: Davidson - McMullan (M), beat A. Holland - Moseley (V), 6-0, 7-5; Scheryl Holland - Carol Grey (M), beat Maggie Lamontague - Martica Grifaafin (V) 8-6 pro set.

'Cats, Vikes Clash Again

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High's Wildcats were to seek their 13th diamond victory over Lowndes' Vikings in a 4 p.m. tilt at Pendleton Park.

Coach Joe Mercer's 'Cats carried a 4-2 Region 1-AAA (South) record into the battle, while coach Noel George's Vikes enter with a 1-5 mark.

VHS registered an 8-2 verdict over the Vikes earlier this season, and Mercer is hoping his 8-4 Wildcats can use this tilt to rebound from a two-game league loss skein.

George, meanwhile, saw his charges split their last two 1-AAA (South) contests, and would like to notch another win on a 1-8 overall chart.

Greene Meets Future 'Cats

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Charles Greene faced a room full of future Wildcats and Kittens and put in a word for organized sports, at the Valdosta Junior High All-Sports banquet here Thursday night.

The rookie head football coach at Valdosta High School told a group of over 100 VJHS students and faculty members, competitive sports plays a major part in preparing one to face the game of life.

"Why are competitive sports so important in America?" he said. "The answer is simple. It's the American way of life.

"There is no place in the game of life for someone who comes in second. If you are in the rear of the field, you're in

trouble.

"It's easy to quit," he continued, "To say I've had enough. But we try to teach through competitive sports the importance of not giving up in the middle of the battle."

The banquet honored the VJHS Basketball, football and track teams, but awards are not to be presented until the school's "Eighth Grade Day" ceremonies, according to Principal Jim Hunt.

Wildcats Run Off With First Place

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

THOMASVILLE — Valdosta High's cindermen ran off with first place laurels here Wednesday, as Central High hosted a five-way track meet.

Coach Charles Greene's squad captured 153½ points, easily out-

distancing Monroe's 121 two-third, Central's 105, Lowndes' 94½, and Doerun's 21.

Lowndes' Chester Ussery outran the pack in the mile and two-mile runs, while VHS' George Roundtree took firsts in the 120-yard high hurdles and the 180-yard low hurdles.

Shot — Barance (M), Register (V), Reichert (C), Marshall (M), Barfield (C), Kovach (L). D—44'4".

Discus—Martin (L), Barrance (M), Davis (M), Register (V), Vouyles (C), Allen (M). D — 44'4".

Long Jump — Chatmon (M), Rome (V), Blue (V), Law (C), Singleton (M), Phillips (D). D—20'5¼".

Triple Jump — Chatmon (M) Law (C), Blue (V), Anderson (C), Singleton (M), Parker (D). D—41'4".

Pole Vault — Reichert (C), Quigg (C), Phillips (D), Smith (M), Carnegie (M), Hall (C). H—11'0".

High Jump — Jones (V), Roundtree (V), Sanders (L), Smith (M), Quigg (C), Daniels (L). H—6'0".

440 Relay — Central, Lowndes — Valdosta (tie), Monroe Monroe, Lowndes. T—:44.4.

Mile Run — Ussery (L), Meadowiark (M), Hudson (M), Stephenson (C), Donaldson (C), Morn (V). T—4:57.6.

440 Dash — Rome (V), Swain (C), Banks (D), Martin (V), Jackson (M), Sanders (L). T —:51.3.

100 Dash — Bradley (V), McQueen (L), Williams (V), Washington (L), Battles (V) Henry (L). T—:09.9.

120 High Hurdles — Roundtree (V), Daniels (L), Moore (C), Jones (V), Smith (M), Blue (V). T—:15.1.

880 Run — Johnson (C), Johnson (L), Parker (D), Ryles (L), Gaines (M), Brown (D). T—2:06.3.

220 Dash — Bradley (V), Rome (V), Washington (L), Johnson (L), Sanders (C), Atkinson (C). T—:22.9.

180 Low Hurdles — Roundtree (V) Daniels (L), Moore (C), Smith (M), Burge-man (L), Watkins (M). T—:20.7.

Two Mile Run — Ussery (L), Meadow-lark (M), Morgan (V), Solomon (M), Sturt (C), Corbett (V). T—11:07.5.

Mile Relay — Valdosta, Central, Monroe, Valdosta, Lowndes, Monroe. T—3:31.9.

Valdosta Junior high school track
dred school age participants. Winne-
ribbons. The youngsters who'll com-
event are to be announced next week

The Rain Continues

Bainbridge Sinks 'Dosta

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

BAINBRIDGE — There's nothing wrong with a little rain falling into a fellow's life, but the Valdosta High School Wildcats are breaking out their water wings.

Coach Joe Mercer's diamond 'Cats sank to their third Region 1-AAA (South) loss of the season here Friday, falling 6-2 to previously winless Bainbridge.

The Bearcats, now 1-6 in league play, sent Valdosta reeling to its fourth loss in the team's last six tilts and dropped VHS to a 5-31-AAA (South) mark and a 9-5 overall chart.

The 'Cats, defending Region champs, dropped to third place in the region with the

loss, two games behind Thomasville's 7-1 record, and a half game behind Central of Thomasville's 5-2 mark.

Thomasville, meanwhile, has two league tilts left, one each with Moultrie and Central.

Friday's postponed contest between Moultrie and Central is to be played if it should have a bearing on the region title, giving the possibility of a three-way tie for region laurels.

Duncan Fordham toed the rubber for Valdosta in his first start of the year and allowed only three hits and two earned runs. But the 'Cats could manage only a single earned marker of their own off Bainbridge's Dargon Long.

Bainbridge got on the boards first in the second frame, when catcher Reese

Rollins walked and was sacrificed to second. Long's single then plated Rollins, with the Bearcat hurler taking second on the throw to the plate.

Jimmy Brock's single then drove in Long for a 2-0 Bainbridge margin.

The Bearcats clawed for four additional markers in the fourth, when Danny Harrell, led off with a single.

Three walks, a stolen base, a fielder's choice, and a three-base error then accounted for the six-run gap.

VHS finally got untracked in the sixth frame, when pinch hitter Bobby Brantley singled with one out and took second on a wild pitch. Jim Clarkston's single plated Brantley, but Long put out the fire before further damage.

The Valdosta seventh pro-

vided the contest's final tally, initiated by John Sandsberry taking first on a Bearcat error.

Sandsberry stole second, was sacrificed to third, and then came home on a passed ball, leaving the final count at 6-2.

"Fordham did a good job," Mercer commented after the loss. "He pitched well enough to win."

The VHS coach said his squad "got on the bases, but we just couldn't move them around and score."

"The first three innings we had men on first and second with only one out, but still couldn't score," Mercer moaned.

Valdosta	ab	r	h	rbi		
Sandsberry, 2b	3	1	0	0		
Fordham, p	3	0	0	1		
Rowe, cf	4	0	2	0		
Stanaland, 1b	3	0	0	0		
Parker, lf	2	0	0	0		
Brantley, rf	2	1	1	0		
Whitehead, ss	2	0	1	0		
D. Demersseman, ss	1	0	0	0		
Wingate, rf, lf	2	0	1	0		
Clarkston, 3b,c	3	0	1	1		
Roberts, c	2	0	0	0		
P. Demersseman, rf	1	0	0	0		
TOTALS	29	2	6	2		
Bainbridge	ab	r	h	rbi		
Shaw, ss	3	1	0	0		
Harrison, 3b	1	1	0	0		
Ryles, lf	0	0	0	0		
Smith, 1b	3	0	0	0		
Rollins, c	2	0	0	0		
Harrell, 2b	2	1	1	1		
Thomas, rf	1	0	0	0		
Long, p	3	2	1	1		
Brock, cf	2	0	1	1		
Haire	1	0	0	0		
TOTALS	21	6	3	2		
Valdosta	000	001	1-2	6-4		
Bainbridge	020	400	x-6	3-1		
E — Shaw, Sandsberry, Whitehead, Wingate, Roberts.						
LOB — Valdosta 8; Bainbridge 4.						
2B — Rowe.						
SB — Sandsberry, Rowe 2, Lonb.						
SAC — Rolling Harrell.						
SF — Fordham.						
	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Fordham (L-0,1)	6	3	6	2	2	0
Long (W-)	7	6	2	1	4	6

DE Clubbers Here Are Off To National Convention

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The nine high school students, representing the two Distributive Education Clubs here, leave for the national DE Leadership Conference in Los Angeles, Calif., today.

The students, to be accompanied by Valdosta High School's DE coordinator Norman Greene, are representing their high schools and the state in the competition.

The VHS club is competing in six contests including the Chapter of the Year honor.

Judy Rodgers, state DE secretary, is representing Lowndes High School. She is the only LHS student to make the trip.

VHS students representing the state and campus here include Debbie Johnson, JoLynn Johnston LeFiles, Ann Ussery, Sherri Teffeteller, Perry Welch, Ron Butler, Randy Sutton and Lynn Knighton.

Miss Johnson is competing in the merchandising information manual contest while Mrs. LeFiles is in the merchandising department store competition.

Miss Ussery is competing in the variety store contest while Miss Teffeteller is vying for the home furnishings honors.

Welch is trying for national recognition in the advertisement planning and layout and Knighton is entered in the project of the year category.

Sutton, club president, and Butler, state president, are making the trip as representatives.

Greene said his students have competed for national recognition every year for four years but Beverly Newlin, a 1970 graduate, is the only finalist in recent times. Miss Newlin placed in the top eight nationally for her marketing in variety stores project.

"We'd like to bring home the national chapter of the year award but that, like all the others, will be difficult to win," said Greene. "The best from each of the 50 states will be there to win, too."

Besides the contests, the students are to participate in leadership sessions and workshops. National officers are to be elected and recognition banquets are to be held during the five day conference.

The students are to return home Sunday.

Defense Falters

Cats' Hopes Dim After Packer Win

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

MOULTRIE — Valdosta High's Wildcats came into town here Tuesday with an outside shot at Region 1-AAA (South) diamond laurels.

But Moultrie's Packers did a little figuring of their own and improved their own slim chances in the race by way of a 7-1 victory.

Coach Joe Mercer's 'Cats hurled ace Gary Rowe at the Pack, and he responded to the task by allowing no earned runs, walking only one, and striking out four.

Defensively, however, the Wildcats made seven errors, three of them for extra bases, as the defending league champs were eliminated from competition.

The Pack, meanwhile, raised their own region slate to 5-3 in vain pursuit of Thomasville's league-leading Bulldogs. The 'Dogs wrapped up the loop crown Wednesday, by way of a 7-0 win over Bainbridge.

Moultrie hurler Ricky Croft smothered VHS until the fourth canto, when left fielder Dick Parker blasted a solo round

tripper, his second of the year. The Packers plated a run in the first canto on a pair of errors and a single, and another in the second via another Wildcat miscue.

Five errors and as many hits in the fourth and fifth frames accounted for the other Moultrie runs.

"It's the same old story," Mercer said after the loss. "Errors were most definitely the ball game."

Mercer said Rowe deserved a better fate than he got. "When somebody pitches as well as he did, well, it's kind of disheartening."

"I guess Moultrie came to play and we didn't," the field boss summed it up.

Valdosta	ab	r	h	rbi
Sandsberry, 2b	3	0	0	0
Fordham, cf	2	0	0	0
Rowe, p	0	0	0	0
Brantley, rf	2	0	0	0
Wingate, rf	1	0	0	0
Parker, lf	3	1	1	1
Stanaland, lb	2	0	0	0
P. Demersseman, 1b	1	0	0	0
D. Demersseman, ss	2	0	1	0
Clarkston, 3b	3	0	0	0
Roberts, c	1	0	0	0
Whitehead, ss	1	0	0	0

TOTALS	ab	r	h	rbi
Moultrie	21	1	2	1
Barber, cf	4	1	1	0
Ree, ss	3	2	0	0
DeMott, lf	3	1	2	0
Ethridge, lb	3	1	1	0
Goff, 3b	3	0	1	0
Delprc, c	2	0	0	0
Harvey, rf	3	1	1	0
Freeland, 2b	3	1	1	0
Croft, p	3	0	1	0

TOTALS	ip	h	er	bb	so
Rowe (L-3-2)	7	8	7	0	1
Croft (W-2-1)	7	2	1	1	5

HBP — Fordham (by Croft).
BALK — Rowe.

Wildcats On Spot

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High was to face a do-or-die diamond situation in Moultrie this afternoon, while Lowndes' Vikings were to attempt a climb at their home field, and Berrien and Fitzgerald were to slug it out at the Valdosta State College diamond.

Coach Joe Mercer's Valdosta High Wildcats hold down third place in Region 1-AAA (South) with a 5-3 sub-region chart. They must beat Moultrie's Packers if the 'Cats are to retain a chance for region laurels.

At the same time, however, Bainbridge's Bearcats, tied with Lowndes for the 1-AAA (South) cellar, must trip league-leading Thomasville. The Bulldogs, 6-1 in loop action, must lose their final two contests to Bainbridge and Moultrie, both on the road, while VHS has to defeat Moultrie and Central in its last pair of tilts, to give the 'Cats a chance at the region crown.

A postponed contest between second place Central and Moultrie may then have to be played, depending on today's Lowndes - Central matchup here.

"Moultrie is always tough, especially in Moultrie," Mercer said of today's foe. "I'm certain they'll go with their pitching ace, Ray Goff."

Mercer said his squad has been playing "poor" defense lately, but "we've been hitting well."

Lowndes, meanwhile, was to host the contending Yellow Jackets at 4 p. m.

Coach Noel George's Vikes, 1-7 in league action, were hoping to climb above Bainbridge out of the region basement.

Berrien High's Rebels and Fitzgerald High's Purple Hurricanes, 1-AA (East) semi-finalists, were to match strengths in a 4:30 p. m. tilt at the VSC diamond.

Coach Don Bridges' Rebels, now 12-4, dropped Appling's Pirates in the tourney's first round at Jesup, while powerhouse Fitzgerald drew a bye.

Bridges was to start ace Ricky Rowe, holder of a 6-0 season slate, while Fitzgerald was to counter with Gary Giddens, 5-1, who lost only to 1-AAA Valdosta during regular season

VHS Honors Its Spring Sport Teams

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

M. E. Nichols brought up four points for Valdosta High's Wildcats and Kittens to think of during the school's first annual spring sports banquet here Thursday night.

Nichols, president of the Georgia High School Association for the past 12 years, told

the VHS baseball, track, tennis and golf teams they have ability, are lucky to be part of society; learned to compete, and must have discipline.

He addressed about 100 people at the banquet in which every member of the four teams was presented a plaque.

"You have the ability," he

said. "There are a lot of people in our country who are too small, slow, or unable to compete in sports. But you had that ability and exhibited it.

"Through being a part of society you learn tolerance and understanding," he continued, "and you learned to compete. You put yourself and desire against opposition. That's

a lot like life, I'll guarantee you.

against opposition. That's a lot like life, I'll guarantee you.

"And you have to have discipline. You must discipline yourself, that's important, real important."

The banquet was sponsored by the Valdosta High School Athletic Association.

Lose To Central

'Cats End Season

By TOM STEADMAN

Central's Yellow Jackets helped slumping Valdosta High close out its baseball season here Thursday hanging an 8-1 Region 1-AAA (South) loss on the Wildcats.

Catcher Eugene Conner's Jackets cashed in for eight runs, six of them unearned, in the first five innings, then held on to hand the 'Cats their third straight defeat and their seventh loss in the last 10 decisions.

Valdosta, 5-5 in sub-region play and 9-7 overall, saw the 6-3 Jackets jump off to a 2-0 lead in the first frame, when catcher Clarence Christopher bashed a homer behind a sliding Bill Glenn.

Central came back for three more in the third canto on a walk, an error, a passed ball, and a ground out, taking a 5-0 margin.

The second-place Jackets notched three more counters in the fifth frame, when Christopher reached first on an error and went to third on a single. A double then scored both runners, and a single moments later made the count 8-0.

Coach Joe Mercer's 'Cats finally got untracked in the sixth when David Demersseman led off with a disputed shot to the left field fence. After the blast was ruled a double for apparently bouncing over the fence, Demersseman

scored from second on Tom Best's single, pulling VHS to the final 8-1 count.

"You can't win with those errors," Mercer commented after the loss. "We've been playing very poor defense. What else can you say."

Thomasville's Bulldogs, at 9-1, wrapped up the sub-region title last week by way of a 7-0 verdict over Bainbridge and now are scheduled to host north champ Tift County Tuesday at 4 p. m. in the first of a best-of-three series for the loop crown.

The second and, if needed, third games are to be in Tifton on a date to be announced.

BOXSCORES

Central



Cards' Ted Sizemore (41) Leaps Backwards Over Sliding Bobby Tolan

Tolan And Perez Pace Cincy Win

I-AAA Track

'Cats Win Title

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

CAIRO — Valdosta High School's Wildcats swept to the Region I-AAA track title at the Cairo High track here Friday night, topping favored Dougherty by 10 meet points.

Coach Charles Greene's Wildcat cindermen took three first places and qualified five men in six events for the state Class AAA meet, garnering 90 points along the way.

The Trojans, north subregion champs, from Albany, could cop only two first places and ended the night with 80 points and five men going to the state meet.

Thomasville, runnerup to Valdosta in the southern division, took third place with 78½, followed by Bainbridge 50, Crisp County (Cordele) 40, Lowndes 38, Monroe (Albany) 33, Westover (Albany) 26, Central of Thomasville 25, and Albany 17½.

Sophomore Stanford Rome started the 'Cats on the road to their first title since

1969 with a 22-foot leap in the long jump, followed up by Rusty Jones' winning leap of 6-0 in the high jump.

VHS' mile relay squad, composed of Rome, Clifford Bradley, Lamar Mordon and George Roundtree, kept its perfect record with a 3:30.2 timing.

Also qualifying for Valdosta were Rome in the 440-yard dash, Bradley in the 220-yard dash, Roundtree in the 120-yard high hurdles and the 180-yard low hurdles, Robert Demps in the 880-yard run, and the VHS 440-yard relay squad.

Coach Newnan Sanchez' Lowndes cindermen took a surprise victory in the 440-yard relay, as Elbert Daniels, James McQueen, Harry Henry, and Larry Washington streaked to a :43.9 clocking. Daniels captured another Lowndes first place finish with a :19.7 finish in the low hurdles.

Other Viking qualifiers were Daniels in the high hurdles, Washington in the 220-yard dash, and McQueen in the 100-yard

dash.

Snot — Winkfield (D), Wilbon (B), Barrance (M), Henningfield (A), Register (V), Maltot (T), D—46' 11½".
Discus — Barrance (M), Winkfield (D), Wilbon (B), Maltot (T), Hamilton (B), Hill (C), D—131'.

Long Jump — Rome (V), Flanders (B), Chapman (M), Blue (V), Lewis (C), Ballard (D), D—22'.

Triple Jump — Chapman (M), Roberts (B), Lewis (C), Blue (V), Singleton (M), Law (C), D—42½'.

Pole Vault — Parrish (T), Elliot (T), Milford (C), Smith (M), Trovell (C), H—10'6".

High Jump — Jones (V), Shiver (T), Hardin (T), Johnson (A), DeVivo (W), Smith (D), H—6'.

440 — Yard Relay — Lowndes, Bainbridge, Valdosta, Dougherty, Crisp, Westover, T—43.9.

Mile Run — Rayburn (T), Hutchenson (W), Goodman (D), Ussery (L), Crawford (B), James (W), T—4:33.6.

440 — Yard Dash — Swain (C), Rome (V), Hayes (D), Barnes (V), Smith (A), Jackson (M), T—51.0.

100 Yard Dash — Dixon (C), Flanders (B), McQueen (L), Cooper (D), Henry (L), Jones (D), T—9.9.

120 Yard High Hurdles — Shiver (T), Roundtree (V), Daniels (L), McCoy (W), Quembly (D), Ussery (L), T—14.8.

880 — Yard Run — Borlard (D), Johnson (C), Demps (V), Johnson (M), Dallas (A) —Fuey (T) (Tie), T—2:03.3.

220-Yard Dash — Dixon (C), Bradley (V), Washington (L), Cooper (D), Rome (V), Jones (D), T—22.0.

180-Yard Low Hurdles — Daniels (L), Shiver (T), Roundtree (V), Clemons (W), Davis (A), Morgan (C), T—19.7.

Two — Mile Run — Rayburn (T), Goodman (D), Floyd (D), Hutchenson (W), Williams (T), T—10:06.

Mile Relay — Valdosta, Dougherty, Central, Albany, Valdosta, Crisp, T—3:30.2.

At Valdosta High

Welch To Head DE Club

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The winner of the Georgia Distributive Education Club's advertising contest has been chosen to lead the Valdosta High School DE Club next year.

DE coordinator Norman Greene said Perry Welch, a 17-year-old VHS junior, won the club's top office in balloting Thursday morning. He beat out one other candidate, Peggy Bernard.

Welch, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Welch of Northfield Road, is a first

year student in the vocational education club in which students attend school half the day and work the other half. They receive scholastic credit for holding down their part-time jobs.

The president-elect is to succeed Raymond Sutton at the start of the new school year, said Greene.

Young Welch is employed at Pronto Press, a printing firm operated by his father, and he is a member of the choir at Azalea City Baptist Church.

Band Honors Night Friday

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Band Boosters from Valdosta High, VHS-Pinevale Campus, and Valdosta Junior High School are to honor the 8-12 grade bands in one big event here Friday night.

Boosters plan to hold a covered dish supper for the students at the multi-purpose room of Mathis city auditorium here Friday, beginning at 7 p. m.

Dr. Johnny Long, music department head at Troy State University in Troy, Ala., is to be the guest speaker; booster officials said.

Also on the agenda are film excerpts of the VHS Marchin' Cats while participating in the "Greatest Band In Dixie" contest during Mardi Gras in New Orleans, La.

The band won the title for the second time in three years this season.

Awards and medals are given to the band members and new officers of the Band Boosters are to be installed at the banquet.

VHS Council Selects Officers

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Teresa Wetherington and Pam Bazemore, a pair of rising juniors, have been elected to lead Valdosta High School's student council for the 1972-73 school year.

Along with Misses Wetherington and Bazemore, president and vice president, respectively, officers are to be Andrea Bond, secretary, Bruce Hornbuckle, treasurer, John Smart, parliamentarian, and Mark Eanes, Chaplain.

Senior council representatives are to be Miss Bond, Kathy DeBenedittes, Richard Joseph, Smart and Eanes.

Junior councilmen are to be Misses Bazemore and Wetherington, Hornbuckle, Onnie Phillips and Julie Southwell.

Sophomores to serve on the student council are Walter Webb, Walter Elliot, Curlene Hill, Syd Sheppard and Steve Johnson.

VHS Days Are Sunday And Monday

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High School is to graduate about 385 students in ceremonies here Sunday and Monday.

Principal Lloyd Mims said the baccalaureate service is to be held at 8 p. m. Sunday at Park Avenue United Methodist Church and commencement exercises are at 8 p. m. Monday at Cleveland Field. In case of rain, commencement is to be moved to Mathis city auditorium.

The Rev. Thomas H. Johnson, Park Avenue church pastor, is to preach the baccalaureate sermon with special music by organist Mike Rogers, soloist Marie Seymour the high school chorus and an instrumental group.

Wright Bazemore, high school athletic director, is to deliver the graduation speech Monday night.

Summer VHS School Shortened

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Summer school at Valdosta High is going to be two weeks shorter this year, giving pupils a chance to go on vacation after all.

Assistant principal F. L. Wilson said the eight-week term is to begin June 12 and is to close on Aug. 8. July 3 and 4 are holidays. Daily schedule is from 8 a. m. - 3 p. m. with a break every 1½ hours.

Registration is now open to those who want to take new courses or anticipate having to retake courses, he said. Pupils may register to retake courses from 8 a. m.-4:30 p. m. June 8 and 9 at the school, Wilson said.

Fees, payable in advance, are \$20 for a half-unit, \$40 for one unit, \$60 for 1½ units and \$80 for two units. An additional fee of \$10 is to be charged students whose parents or legal guardians do not live inside the city limits, Wilson said.

Course offerings, he continued, will be dictated by the registration demand for English, mathematics, social studies, driver education and art. Standards set by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools are applicable.

Sub-Region Meet

VHS' Cindermen Capture Laurels

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

THOMASVILLE — Favorite Valdosta High lived up to its advance notices here Friday, leaving the rest of the region 1-AAA (South) track field behind, posting 141 meet points to claim the crown.

Coach Charles Greene's Wildcats qualified 14 cindermen for the May 13 Region 1-AAA meet in Cairo, taking five first places in the process.

Finishing second in the sub-region competition was Thomasville with 109 markers, Bainbridge at 97½, Lowndes at 80½, host Central at 33, and Moultrie with 10.

VHS' Stanford Rome outdistanced all challengers in the long jump with a leap of 21' 2½", while Rusty Jones soared 6' 2½" in the high jump to take another first.

The 'Cats' Clifford Bradley won the 220-yard dash with a 22.4 clocking, while George Roundtree took the 180-yard low hurdles in 20.8, beating out Lowndes Elbert Daniels.

Valdosta's mile relay team finished first in that event, with Roundtree, Rome, Bradley and Lamar Marden taking the top spot with a 3:31.5 time.

Lowndes' Daniels turned the tables in the 120-yard high hurdles, beating out Roundtree with a time of 14.9. The Vikings qualified nine men for the league meet.

In the 1-AAA (North) meet Friday in Albany, Dougherty's Trojans qualified 16 men and notched 156 points enroute to an easy win. Crip finished second with 106 markers, followed by Monroe at 88, Westover at 74, Albany at 69, and Tift County, who didn't show.

The three top finishers in each event qualified for the Region 1-AAA meet in Cairo next Saturday.

Shot — Wilbon (B), Register (V), Goble (L), Mattox (T), Barfield (C), Williams (M). D-47' 10".

Discus — Mattox (T), Hamilton (B), Wilbon (B), Martin (L), Goble (L), Wood (C). D-140'.

Long Jump — Rome (V), Flanders (B), Blue (V), Ivey (T), Bowdry (T), Law (C). D-21' 2½".

Triple Jump — Roberts (B), Blue (V), Law (C), Henry (B), Thornton (B), Harden (T). D-41' 11½".

Pole Vault — Parrish (T), Kinsey (B), Ellison (T), Hall (C), Ricket (C), Thomas (T). H-11' 6".

High Jump — Jones (V), Shiver (T), Hardin (T), Roundtree (V), Sanders (L), Kinsey (B) (Tie). H-6' 2".

440 Relay — Bainbridge, Valdosta, Lowndes, Thomasville, Central. T-44.1.

Mile Run — Rayborn (T), Ussery (L), Crawford (B), Morgan (V), Williams (T), Stephenson (C). T-4:38.

100 Dash — Flanders (B), McQueen (L), Williams (V), Howard (B), McIntire (M). T-10.2.

440 Dash — Swain (C), Rome (V), Barnes (V), Malden (V), Cooper (T), S (T). T-51.2.

120 High Hurdles — Daniels (L), Roundtree (V), Shiver (T), Sims (B), Moore (C), Jones (V). T-14.9.

880 Run — Johnson (C), Demps (V), Ivey (T), Cunningham (B), Covington (T), Crawford (B). T-2:05.

220 Dash — Bradley (V), Washington (L), McIntyre (M), Rome (V), Howard (B). T-22.8.

180 Low Hurdles — Roundtree (V), Daniels (L), Shiver (T), Moore (C). T-20.8.

Two Mile Run — Rayborn (T), Ussery (L), Williams (T), Morgan (V), Goodman (M), Herrin (C). T-10:0.

Mile Relay — Valdosta, Central, Valdosta, Lowndes, Thomasville, Bainbridge. T-3:31.5.

Lowndes, Valdosta Seniors Receive OWC Scholarships

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Two high school seniors, both Air Force daughters, have received scholarships of \$750 each from the Officers Wives Club at Moody Air Force Base.

The recipients, Mary Alice King, a senior at Valdosta High School, is the daughter of Ret. Col and Mrs. Joseph H. King, and Janet Garvin, a senior at Lowndes High School is the daughter of MSgt. and Mrs. Marion F. Horry.

The girls were chosen on the basis of scholastic achievement, high school participation, a letter written by the student, and recommendations from their teachers.

Miss King plans to major in rehabilitative science in college. She has a special interest in working with retarded children and has worked as a volunteer aid at the Lowndes Training Center for Retarded Children (L A R C) since 1969. She said "Helping these children gave me great satisfaction, and I found joy even in their smallest accomplishments."

She has been a cheerleader for two years, homeroom representative and a Pep Club, Tri-Hi-Y, and Drug council member. She was secretary



MISS KING
'Helps Children'

of the Beta Club, treasurer of the Latin Club, second vice-president of the D. E. Club, Miss Spirit of 1971, and is an honor graduate.

Her teachers describe her as a natural leader, dependable, and an extremely hard worker.

Janet Garvin plans to attend Valdosta State College in the fall majoring in math and special education. She



MISS GARVIN
'Conscientious'

hopes to get a teacher's certificate and teach algebra or special education in high school.

She has maintained a scholastic average of 93.43 in all subjects during her four years of high school. She has been awarded the driver education, geometry, and algebra II medals.

Janet is an active member of Beta Club, Tri-Hi-Y, Pep Club and basketball team. She also served as homeroom president and Senior Tri-Hi-Y president.

She is described as "a very conscientious student with superior ability with qualities of dependability and sourcefulness," by her teachers.

Class of 1971-72

Valdosta High School To Graduate 386 Monday

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

In exercises Monday night, 386 Valdosta High School seniors are to receive their diplomas.

The two days of commencement activities start Sunday at 8 p.m. with the baccalaureate service at Park Avenue United Methodist Church. The church pastor, the Rev. Tom Johnson, is to address the class.

Their high school careers come to an end officially with the graduation exercises Monday. City schools athletic director Wright Bazemore is speaker for the activities which are to begin at 8 p.m. at Cleveland Field. In case of rain, graduation is to be moved to Mathis city auditorium.

Honor graduates include:

Mary Jane Beck, Susan Lynne Bolen, Wayne Stanley Bounds, William Sherman Cowart, Melanie Mae Eanes, Margaret Elizabeth Espinosa, Deborah Kay Fletcher, Billie Michelle Folsom, Susan Sainz Giddens, Deborah Jayne Glassman, Carol Suzanne Gornio, Ellisa Karol Hendrix, Mary Marguerite Henry, Jack Wade Jenkins.

Lucy Patricia Jeter, Laura Elizabeth Jones, Mary Alice King, Margaret Jayne LaMontagne, JoLynne Johnston LeFites, Woodrow Wilson Leonard Jr., Sarah Rebecca McDonald, Jane Archer Miller, Lucion Kennerly Newlin III, Shirley Frances Norman, Lynn Antonette Norris Janis Shannon Nutt.

Elizabeth Lee Oliver, Donna Virginia Pitts, Lynne Sheryl Polonsky, Kristy Po-

well, Marjorie Gay Robertson, Nancy Hill Rogers, Sheila Dianne Rowe, Henry Pearce Scott, James David Slowik, Janet Renee Smith, Catherine Ann Sporkman, Pamela Nanette Stevens, Rhonda Gwendolyn Stickley, Sherri Rose Teffeteller, Dorothy Marie Tewell, Judie Elizabeth Tillman, Jim Boke Tomlin, Susan Elaine Varn, Brenda Joy Ward, Lydia Ann Watson.

Other graduates include: Lannon Dunlop Abernathy, Arthur Lee Adams, James Robert Adams, Sarah Ellen Adams, Tresa Diann Akins, Jeremiah Joseph Allen, Jadan Altman, David Lee Anderson, Willie Alfred Anderson, Rebekah Anthony, Grover Cleveland Arnold III.

Harrial Bacon, Rickie Myron Badley, Gina Bailey, Nicola Jimmy Bajalia, Joellen Bargainer, Carey Bruce Barnes, Carl Barnes, Emma Barron, Ricky Louis Bea, David Eugene Berrian, Henry Berry Jr., Wanda Gail Bess, Louise Marshall Bethay.

Clifford Timothy Bradley, Richard Lee Bradley, Eugene Brandon Jr., Gail Leslie Branham, Jerome Raymond Branham, Fay E. Brass, Richard Wayne Braswell, Dale Allen Bretzke, Ruth Ann Brown, Sharon Louise Bryant, Lorraine Burkett, Jacqueline Eylon Burns.

Brenda Joyce Burse, Susan Lynne Butler, James Byrd, Rosalyn Janice Bythwood, Calvin Galloway, Linda Christine Campbell, Kimball Lane Carpenter, Burchard Doswell Carter III, Carla Jean Carter, David Wayne Carter, Ernest Edward Carter.

Gwendolyn Carter, Jimmy Carter, Debra Cason, Dianne Yeomans Cater, Mary Frances Cater, Robert Allen Caloe Jr., Christine Caudle, Debbie Jean Cauthan, Ann Canaday Chitty, Janis Marie Christie, James William Clarkston, Joseph Woody Clements.

Jack Nelson Coffey Jr., Marsha Coker, Alfred Colbert, Pocahontas Collier Jr., Linda Louise Colquitt, Robert Lyle Condrey, Mary Ann Cooke, Jenny Dee Dranna Cooper, Melva Deen Cooper, Rouse Joseph Copeland, Anthony Glenn Cornelius, Alvin Cotton, Alma Council, Patricia Rae Cox, Myron Ned Crowe, Michael Walter Crown, Michael Dion Cutchens, Margie Lynn Dasher, Curtis Anthony Dasher, Deborah Ann Davis, Gary Calvin Davis, Larry Tucker Davis, Paul Eugene DeMersseman.

Deborah Marie Dittmer, Peggy Williams Dowling, Michael Lee Dowse, Joan Dumas, Carolyn Brown Duncan, Eugene Eager Jr., Sidney Lamar Earnest, Marilyn Edwards, Victoria Elizabeth English, David Keith Evans, Connie Sharon Ever-

Terrance Lee Feimster, Roy Sentell Pennell III, Debbie Ferrell, Randy Fiveash, Elizabeth Sharon Flanders, Patricia Ann Flucas, Stanley Clements Folsom, John Duncan Fordham, Idella Frazier, Michael Garrett Gandy, Ernestine Gary, John D. Gary, Cynthia Helen Gee, William Ray Gilliland Jr., Timothy Robert Golden, William Louis Goodin, Lewis Gordon, Gloria Amanda Gracia, Gwendolyn E. Graham, Retha Diann Gray, Cheryl Annette Griffin, Mitzl Arlen Griffin.

Scott DeWitt Griffin, Tommy Eugene Griffith, Margaret Elizabeth Griffith, Laretta Faye Griner, Jeffery Steve Gunter, Cheryl Louise Hagler, Barbara Ann Hall, Carl Edward Hall Jr., Ralph Lee Hall, Raymond Fernand Hamel Jr., Teresa Ann Hanson.

Jerry Lynn Harden, Jerome Harper, Carolyn Harrell, Robert Harris Jr., Harry Hausman, Linda Carole Hayues, Cheryl Gwen Herrington, Terry Alan Hiers, Randall David Hill, Jacqueline Eveonne Hodge, Glen Arthur Holcombe, Ann Randolph Holland.

Margaret Holley, Howard Holloway, Harry Holmes, Mary Lisa Hoyle, Esther Hunt, Bryan Ivey, Shirley Jackson, Michael Eugene Jarvis, Lee Earnest Jeffery, Mark Allen Jeffery, Bobbie Jean

Jenkins, Ricky Jerome Jenkins, Alphonson Johnson.

Carol Johnson, Dan H. Johnson Jr., Joann Johnson, Marich Montez Johnson, Norman Danjel Johnson III, Thomas Halliburton Johnson Jr., Deborah Lucy Johnston, Johnny Lee Jones, Marilyn Evelyn Jones, Phyllis Elaine Jones, Roy Lewis Jones, Russell Byron Jones, Sherri Ann Jones, Willie James Jordan, Robert Allan Joseph, Jimmy Charles Kelley, William Kendall, Diane Kier, Leon Kitchen, Lynn Knighton, Veronica Arminda Kozuch, John Thurman Larsen, Cynthia Lynn Ledbetter, Richard Clark Lee, Willie Bell Leggett.

Jane Marie Lehman, Calvin Lester, Catherine Elizabeth Lester, Hazel Phillips Lester, John W. Lester, Larry Lester, Beverly Jean Lipscomb, Linda Louise Lissimore, Gregory Paul Lloyd, Larry Lorenzo Love, Queen Esther Loving, Thomas Lumpkin.

Raymond Lyles, Steven Matchett, Kathy Marable, Joseph Martin, Minnie Martin, Patricia Ann Martin, Richard Neil Martin, Olin Mallette Mason Jr., Robert Earl McCaskill, Nancy McMichael, Frances Anna McMillan, Charles Miller, Cynthia Jean Miller.

Alvin Mitchell, Carolyn Laverne Mitchell, Edwina Vermita Mitchell, Robert Lee Montague, Ferrell Lee Moore, James Wayne Moore, Jan Lynette Moore, Ron-

aid Louis Moore, Trudy Jean Moore, Cathy Morgan, Ronnie Dale Morgan, Mary Allen Mosely.

John Steven Mullis, Samuel Lee Napier, Gary Kent Neese, Barbara Lynn Nelson, Herbert J. NeSmith, O. D. Netter Jr., Cynthia Na-Tasha Newsome, Dennis Webb Nichols, Joseph Eugene Nobles, Mary Darlene Norsworthy, Debby Norsworthy.

William Timothy Oliver, Lonnie Wayne O'Neal, Robert Daniel Orr, Douglas Ken Osborne, Deborah Kay Palmer, Richard Marion Parker, Michael Philip Parrish, Nancy Carol Parrish, Rosa Vorise Paulek, Alvin Payton Jr., Marcia Debra Peoples, Catherine Leona Pendleton, William Henry Peterson, George Autrey Phillips, Hazel Phillips, Joe Poik Jr., Edwin Oliver Pompey, Katherine Poole, Willene Postell, Anthony Frank Powell, James Robert Powell, Nancy Lou Powell, Frances R. Pride.

Jackie Leroy Pride, Debra Elaine Pruette, Steven Bruce Purdy, John Michael Ramey, Barbara Sharon Walker Rampley, Carol Ann Reddick, Peggy Susan Reed, Mark Allen Retterbush, David Riley, Fain Renee Rivers, Peggy J. Rivers, Janice Robinson.

Wesley Robinson, Rosemary Ross, Eddie Lee Roundtree, Homer Cecil Rowe Jr., John Hall Rowe Jr., Joann Chiquita Russell, Robert Lee Russell, Edgar Si-

mson Jr., Bessie Mae Wright, Sanders, Sandra Elaine Sanford, Vickie Lynn Sansbury.

William Keith Sasser, Bee McNeill Scruck, Earline Scott, General Dana Scruggs III, David Cooper Selph, Donald Raymond Selph, Anita Sharpe, Diane Williams Simmons, Michale Simmons, Wilma Jean Simmons, Mattie Pearl Sims, Bobby Lee Singleton.

Margaret Sirmans, Myrtice Eyvonne Slaughter, Anita Marie Sloan, Richard Harrison Sloan, Benny Smith, Georgia Mae Smith, Lydia Ann Smith, Lynda Jean Smith, Michael Owen Smith, Peter Alan Smith, Taffia Elaine Smith, Phyllis Andrea Solomon.

Tommy Lee Speed, John William Spurlock, Margo Elaine Stacks, Robert Stapleton, Steve Meadows Stanaland, Walter Art Stenbridge, James Lester Stephenson Jr., Joseph Goulding Stevens IV, Nazell Vickie Steward, Proctor William Stockes III, Frank James Strickland Jr., David Surrency Jr., Raymond E. Sutton Jr., Nicky John Tampas, John Richard Tarron, Eugene Taylor, Joseph Mitchell Taylor, Larry Thomas, Sandra Jean Tooley, Christopher Mark True, William Albert Turner, Beverly Underwood, Jackson Pearce Vinson.

Leroyce Ann Walker, Chiquita Fay Washington, Jerome Washington, Vinson Venette Washington, Melvin Douglas

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7 Wildcats Picked For Star Tilt

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

What group has 85 per cent fewer cavities, 100 per cent higher ratings and 27 per cent of the South Football All-Star squad?

If there is any other answer but the Valdosta Wildcats, don't tell the Georgia High School Association about it, because the GHSA named seven 'Cats to the all-star squad for the 1972 north-south tilt.

Leading the VHS group into the fray is all - everything quarterback Stanley Bounds (6-0, 190) who led the 'Cats into just about everything else last season, including a state and a national title.

Clifford Bradley, a 6-0, 170-pounder, and Robert McCaskill, 5-11, 190-pounds, round out the Valdosta backfield contingent.

Scott Griffin, a 6-2, 190-pounder was picked at end, while guard Sidney Earnest (6-0, 195) is another 'Cat on the squad.

Paul Demersseman, all 6-4, 230 pounds of him, is slated for duty at tackle, while 6-3, 240-pound All-America Steve Stanaland, was picked at center.

Warner Robins follows Valdosta with five South selectees, including running back Melvin Howard.

Other South picks include end Les Stinson of Metter and Greg Montgomery of Southwest Macon.

Warner Robins' Frank Orgel is to coach the south squad for the tilt, set for Aug. 5 in Macon's Brad Henderson Stadium.

Application Made For Funds For VHS

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Representatives of the Coastal Plains Planning and Development Commission are in Atlanta today with an application for \$150,000 in federal funds to

be used for vocational education equipment for the new Valdosta High School, according to planner Jim Gentry.

Gentry said the application, which has been under study for the past four or five months would provide funds for about 80 per cent of the \$187,500 vocational education program at the new school.

"The difference is to be made up by the local board of education," Gentry added.

"The governor has already recommended to the commission that the program be funded," he said.

"Preliminary approval has already been secured for the application. Final approval is expected after the formal application is submitted. That will be on Monday," the planner said.

"State Senator Bobby Rowan and Valdosta Mayor James Beck were instrumental in working with the Board of Education and the Governor to secure these funds."

The school board approved formal adoption of the Commission's application and authorized them to go ahead and make the request for funds at a special meeting of the Board at Noon Friday, Gentry said.

"This money," Gentry added, "will enable Valdosta High School to have one of the best equipped manpower development centers in the state on a secondary school level."

Wildcat QB Still Leading

By ELLWOOD MOYER
C O L U M B U S — Valdosta's Bruce Hilton is still the top passer, but Region 1-AAA has a new rushing leader in the person of Bainbridge's Chip Thomas.

Hilton, who has hit on 11 of 33 passes for 243 yards, is the high school football region's leading passer for the second week in a row.

Thomas has picked up 195 yards on 36 carries to go out front in the rushing race. Thomasville's Mike Kavoklis was the first week leader, but has now dropped third.

Valdosta's Stanford Rome is the leader in a pair of departments. He's the top pass receiver with seven catches for 170 yards and one touchdown. He's also atop the punt return list with 62 yards on five tries.

All department leaders and figures on other Valdosta and Lowndes players follow:

Rushing			
	Crs.	Net.	Avg.
1. Thomas, Bainbridge	36	195	5.42
2. Millard, Crisp	26	142	5.46
3. Kavoklis, T'ville	24	141	5.83
4. O'Neal, Valdosta	28	134	4.79
5. Filmore, T'ville	13	132	10.15
6. Andrews, T'ville	32	126	3.94
7. N. Green, Dougherty	31	91	2.94
8. Brock, Bainbridge	24	89	3.71
9. Levan, Crisp	16	86	5.38
10. Walker, Crisp	10	85	8.50
14. Lee, Lowndes	5	68	13.60
15. R. Daniels, Valdosta	14	48	3.43
17. Johnson, Lowndes	6	40	6.67
19. Rome, Valdosta	5	36	7.20
29. Love, Lowndes	4	16	4.00
32. Savage, Valdosta	6	12	2.00
35. Blue, Valdosta	1	9	9.00
37. Filmore, Lowndes	7	6	1.14
38. Holton, Valdosta	7	7	0.89
39. Roundtree, Valdosta	4	8	2.00
43. Washington, Lowndes	4	4	0.80
44. Patrick, Lowndes	2	3	1.50
53. King, Valdosta	1	0	0.00
54. Holcombe, Valdosta	2	0	0.00

Passing			
	Att.	Comp.	G.T.'s
1. Hilton, Valdosta	33	11	243
2. Whitehead, Tift	25	12	165
3. Mitchell, Thomasville	24	10	131
4. Goff, Moultrie	17	7	111
5. Roobin, Crisp	24	8	93
6. Shiver, Moultrie	6	4	78
7. Balkcom, Dougherty	13	6	71
8. Reddick, Monroe	8	5	50
9. Willis, Bainbridge	14	5	35
10. Patrick, Lowndes	7	2	28

Pass Completions			
	Cts.	Yds.	Td's
1. Rome, Valdosta	7	170	1
2. Dixon, Crisp	8	93	2
3. Hill, Tift	4	76	0
4. Clark, Moultrie	3	64	0
5. Riles, Thomasville	5	63	0
6. Brown, Tift	2	62	0
7. Filmore, Thomasville	2	52	1
8. Roundtree, Valdosta	2	51	1
9. Blue, Valdosta	2	43	0
10. N. Green, Dougherty	3	42	1
15. Johnson, Lowndes	2	23	0

Punts		
	Kicks	Avg.
1. Balkcom, Dougherty	6	41.00
2. Patrick, Lowndes	6	40.80
3. Hilton, Valdosta	7	38.86
4. McMillan, Tift	7	37.14
5. Gaston, Thomasville	8	36.50
6. Hearn, Crisp	6	35.83
7. Shaw, Bainbridge	7	33.43
8. Goff, Moultrie	1	30.00
9. Newsome, Albany	6	22.33
10. Warren, Monroe	4	18.00

Passes Intercepted By		
	Inter.	Ret.
1. Hammock, Moultrie	1	58
2. Sermons, Lowndes	2	43
3. Kirksey, Thomasville	1	37
4. Ron Daniels, Valdosta	2	30
5. Washington, Dougherty	2	18

Punt Returns		
	Ret.	Yds.
1. Rome, Valdosta	5	62
2. Dixon, Crisp	1	26
3. Kerba, Thomasville	1	26

Length Of Hair Crops Up At School Board Meeting

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

A hair-raising issue was brought before the Valdosta Board of Education at its meeting Thursday night and board members made it quite clear they don't approve of hair raising.

Delegations from Valdosta High School and Valdosta Junior High School met with board members to protest the school dress codes which do not allow students to wear overly long hair.

Brian Hastings, a student who headed one of the two delegations, told board members his group felt the board had no basis in banning long hair.

"We just don't see any reason we should keep our hair cut if it's clean," Hastings said. "There's no reason long hair should affect our school work."

Board chairman Dr. Robert Quattlebaum asked the students why they find the dress code so objectionable and was told by Hastings it was "just the principle that we like long hair."

Board member Hulyn Smith asked Hastings how his parents felt about his long hair.

"My mother doesn't like long hair," the student said, "but she also doesn't like the school board telling me to cut it."

VHS principal Lloyd Mims pointed out the dress code was decided upon by a group of student council representatives as well as board members.

"As long as I'm employed by the school board I'll enforce this dress code," Mims said. "The rule was decided at a meeting of the board and members of the student council."

Board member Joella Blackburn, who is a member of the dress code committee, told the students the committee was satisfied with the code.

"We discussed this at length and we felt we gave a little and the students gave a little," Mrs. Blackburn said. "Until you become of age, property holders and voters and want to replace this school board, you must abide by the wishes of this board."

Mrs. Blackburn later told reporters and students she felt it was the duty of the school board to replace parental authority "because so many parents have given it up."

The VJHS group, which included a member of that school's student council, read a prepared speech at the meeting stating they believe:

— Long hair does not interfere with school work.

— A person with neatly groomed hair, no matter how long, will not distract any other student in class.

— Young people do act responsibly.

The dress code discriminates against young boys and men.

— Long hair has been worn by such notables as Ben Franklin, Daniel Boone and Jesus Christ.

The presentation, given by Donna McMichen, asked board members to give students a "valid reason" boys are not allowed to wear their hair "as long or short as they like."

According to the board, the code is a result of efforts to teach the students good grooming habits.

Another student, Rene Arneault, when questioning the board on their stand against long hair, was requested by Smith to step from behind a table to show her attire.

"You are not properly dressed even now," Smith told the girl, pointing at her bare midriff. "You are on school property, at an official school function and you aren't abiding by the dress code."

In part, the code reads girls will not wear bare-midriff clothes and boys' hair will not be below the middle of the collar on a dress shirt nor fall below the lobe of the hair.

Quattlebaum dismissed the students by saying he would like for them to consult their student council on the matter.

"I'm glad you young people came here," Quattlebaum said. "I'd hate to see this become a real issue and I wouldn't want it to interfere with school business. Please consult the student council at your school for a recommendation on this."

Wildcats Claw Past Stymied Crisp Squad

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

CORDELE— Valdosta High's football Wildcats scored on their second play from scrimmage and when the dust settled they had a 34-8 victory over the Crisp County Cougars here Friday night.

The win was the third in a row for coach Charles Greene's 'Cats this season and extended Valdosta's victory streak to 16

	Valdosta	Crisp
First Downs	18	10
Yards Rushing	249	139
Yards Passing	138	86
Passes	11-17	8-18
Passes Intc. by	0	4
Fumbles Lost	0	2
Punting	4-36-2	6-28-2
Penalties	15-162	4-41

games. The string dates back to the start of the 1971 season. The setback left coach Tom Avert's Cougars with a 1-2 mark.

A crowd of approximately 4,000 was on hand for the Region 1-AAA contest and the fans didn't have to wait long for the Wildcats to get on the scoreboard.

VHS kicked off to Crisp and then forced the Cougars to punt. The Wildcats' Stanford Rome returned the boot 43 yards to the Crisp seven. Pat O'Neal ripped off six yards and then Robert Daniels tallied on a one-yard plunge. That put Valdosta ahead with just over two minutes gone in the game. The 'Cats were never in danger of losing the advantage after that.

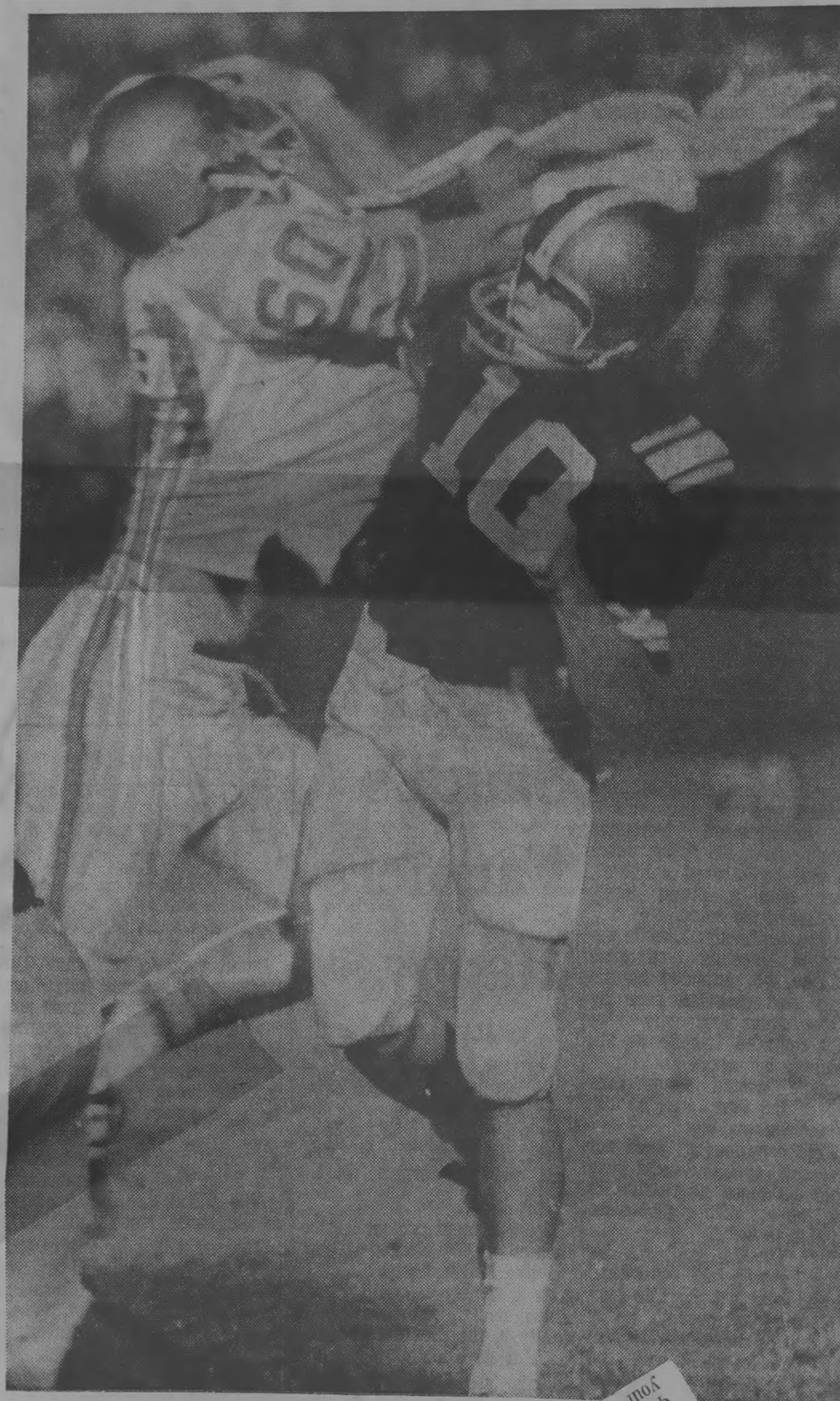
'Dosta scored three more times in the second quarter. O'Neal got one of the TDs on a six-yard run and Bruce Hilton passed for the other two. One of the scoring aeriels was for nine yards to Luther Blue.

The Wildcats' final touchdown came in the last period when Billie Berrien galloped 33 yards to paydirt. Crisp's only TD came in the final minute of the game against the VHS reserves when Billy Dixon sailed 89 yards on an end-around play.

"That was better, quite a bit better," Greene said after the tilt. "We seem to be making progress in some areas and I hope we can keep it up. We sagged after the half and we drew too many penalties, but all in all it was a good effort."

While on the attack the Wildcats clicked for 18 first downs and produced 387 yards (249 rushing and 138 passing) in total offense. Meanwhile, VHS' hard-hitting and alert defenders limited the Cougars to 10 first downs and 225 yards in total offense.

It was senior safetyman Gary Rowe who sparked VHS' stopp'em effort. He intercepted three passes and recovered a fumble with three of his defensive



Wildcat QB Bruce Hilton (10) Gets Off Pass R...

80 yards. O'Neal (15-66), Berrien (3-51) and Robert Daniels (9-50) were the ground attack leaders.

Roundtree was Valdosta's leading tackler with four. One stop he made caused a Crisp fumble and this led to a VHS touchdown.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing: Valdosta—Neal 15-66, Robt. 3-7, J. Savage 3-13, Berrien 3-51, Holcombe 1-1, Crisp-Roobin 3-12, Matthews 4-7 W 109.
Passing: Valdosta—Holcombe 2-5-36; Crisp—Mathews 1-6-11.
Pass Receiving: Valdosta—J. Savage 1-13, Blue 1-1, Walker 1-1; Crisp—

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'Cats, Vikings On Roads

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats and Lowndes' Vikings will do some traveling tonight to play a pair of games which highlight this area's high school football schedule.

Coach Charles Greene's 'Cats will be at Cordele for a Region 1-AAA match with coach Tom Avert's Crisp County Cougars. Meanwhile, coach Noel George's Vikes will go to Quitman for a non-league

match with coach Bobby Rich's Brooks County Trojans.

In other games tonight involving area teams, Coffee (Douglas) will be at Berrien (Nashville, Ga.), Cook (Adel) at Thomasville Central, Brantley County (Nahunta) at Clinch County (Homerville), Hamilton County (Jasper, Fla.) at Carter-Paramore (Quincy, Fla.) and Madison, Fla. at Baker County (Macclenny, Fla.).

Valdosta's Wildcats will carry a 2-0 record into their game with the Crisp Cougars, who have a 1-1 mark. The 'Cats will also be risking a 15-game victory streak which dates back to the start of the 1971 season.

Lowndes' Vikings (0-1) and Brooks' Trojans (1-1) belong to different regions, but they are traditional rivals and the football fur is sure to fly tonight. The Vikes campaign in 1-AAA, while the Trojans, belong to 1-AA (West).

Both LHS and BCHS will be trying to rebound after taking it on the chin. The Vikings fell before powerful Moultrie, 42-14, while Brooks was clipped by Coffee, 7-0. The Trojans had won by a 13-9 margin against Cook in their opener.

Berrien's Rebels, who are members of 2-A, will host Coffee, a 1-AA (East) delegate, in a game tonight at Nashville, Ga. They will carry matching 1-1 records into this non-region affair.

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Valdosta, Crisp Meet At Cordele

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta High's football Wildcats will be making a trip to Cordele on Friday night to meet Crisp County's Cougars and VHS head coach Charles Greene has good reasons for remembering the 'Cats last visit to that city two years ago.

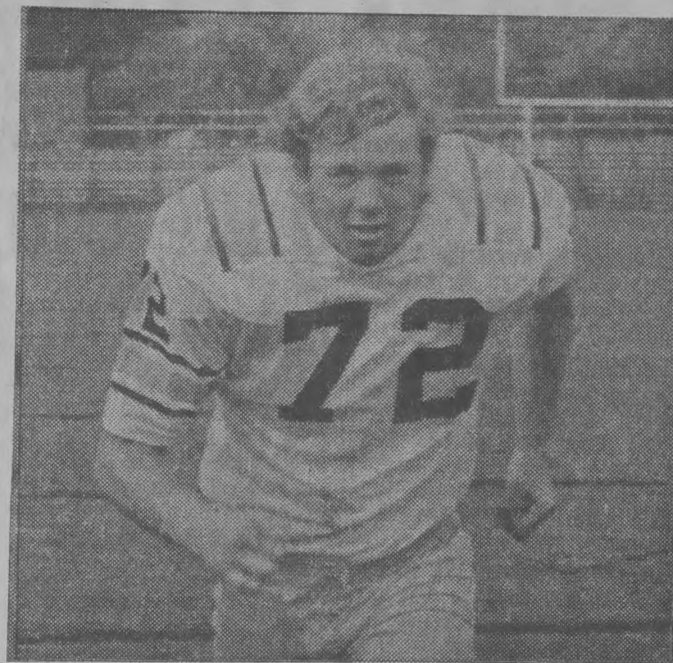
During tomorrow night's outing the Wildcats will face coach Tom Avert's Cougars in a Region 1-AAA encounter which is slated to begin at 8 p. m.

The last time VHS went to Cordele it was in 1970 and the occasion was also a football meeting with the Cougars. The Wildcats came away with 26-0 victory, but the game was much closer than the score. Valdosta led by only six points until late in the third period, and the Cougars battled them toe-to-toe all the way.

This season Valdosta has clicked off two wins and so tomorrow night the 'Cats will be going for their third triumph of the year and their 16th consecutive win in a streak which dates back to the start of the '71 season.

Crisp owns a 1-1 mark. The Cougars clipped Tift County, 11-6, then bowed to Bainbridge, 21-13.

"Crisp is a big, fast and well-coach football team," Greene said. "And they are always up for us, especially when we play them in Cordele. A lot of our players remember 1970 and the difficult game we had



—Times Staff Photo

Tackle Wade Johnson Had Big Night

with the Cougars then.

"They have good balance, which means they are strong on both offense and defense. And in Billy Dixon they have the type player who can score anytime he gets his hand on the football."

Dixon is a senior end who stands 6-5, tips the scales at 205 pounds and can run the 100 in 9.7 seconds. The Cougars' senior quarterback Mike Robin is a talented passer, giving Crisp a very dangerous aerial combo. One of the leaders up

front on offense is tackle Tommy Culpepper, a 190-pound senior.

Greene has announced changes in VHS' list of probable starters at four positions. Robert Daniels and George Roundtree will open at end on defense, with James Savage and Tony King or Robert taking their place on the go-

Among line of Wade Johnson

Rumors Are Flying About New School

By TRISH JOHNSON

Valdosta school system officials aren't sure what advantage they would realize if they agree to extend the completion date on the new \$4.5 million high school now under construction but at least three officials have heard the idea is being discussed.

Although rumors are flying, no one seems to know if, why, when, where or how negotiations are taking place or who is taking the initiative.

Although school board chairman Dr. Robert Quattlebaum admits he is against extending the completion date, he says he has heard negotiations are taking place.

"I've heard rumors about it but I haven't been talking to the contractor and I personally don't know anyone who has," Quattlebaum said. "I'm not in favor of giving the contractor an extension because it's taking too long already."

However, Jack Kent, finance

director for the school system, said he had heard the general contractor, D. W. Langston of Continental Construction Corporation in Vidalia, had asked for an extension of the completion date to March 15, 1973.

"I've heard the contractor is requesting until March 1 to finish the school," Kent said. "I've also heard he's offered a kick back of \$10,000 if the board agrees to this. Negotiations have been discussed but, when, where and by whom I don't know."

Originally scheduled to be completed in August of this year, Langston now says the

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Wildcats Head Prep Rate List

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Coach Charles Greene's Valdosta Wildcats edged out the Moultrie Packers by one point to move into first place in Class AAA in the latest Associated Press high school football poll.

It was the first time the 1971 state champions have been in first place this season. The No. 1 spot has been dominated by Coach Bud Willis' Packers. In last week's poll, Valdosta surged to within one point of the Packers.

Lakeside remains in third place, Laney in fourth and R. E. Lee and Warner Robins are tied for fifth.

The No. 1 teams in Class A and AA also were shaken up.

Southwest of Atlanta took over the top slot in Class AA, knocking Woodward to fourth place after the War Eagles dropped a 17-10 decision to Douglas County last week. Shamrock advanced from seventh to third and Americus moved to fifth place.

St. Pius edged out the Carrollton Trojans for the No. 1 team in Class A. The Trojans dropped to second place, follow-

ed by Rockmart, Washington-Wilkes and Irwin County.

Moultrie and Valdosta each scored four first place votes and No. 3 Lakeside grabbed one in AAA balloting.

In Class AA, Southwest Atlanta, Statesboro and Southwest DeKalb each had two first place votes. Gainesville and Shamrock grabbed one each.

St. Pius landed four first place votes in Class A, Carrollton took three and Irwin County and Washington-Wilkes each polled one.

Here are the complete Associated Press poll rankings by classes:

AAA — Valdosta, Moultrie, Lakeside, Laney, R.E. Lee and Warner Robins (tie), Thomasville, Peachtree, South Cobb and Macon Central.

AA—Southwest Atlanta, Statesboro, Shamrock, Woodward, Americus, Southwest DeKalb, Russell, Gainesville, West Rome and Thomasville Central and Early County (tie).

A—St. Pius, Carrollton, Rockmart, Washington-Wilkes, Irwin County, Bowdon, Jefferson, Turner County, White County and Aquinas.

Valdosta High DE Selects Officers

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Distributive Education Club of Valdosta High School met Friday morning and elected officers for the 1972-73 school year, according to DE coordinator J. Norman Greene.

"We had a professional meeting Friday morning to elect all officers except the president," Greene said. "We elected Perry Welch president of the club last school year."

Welch, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond I. Welch of Valdosta.

A member of Northside Baptist Church, the new president took top honors last year in the state DE advertising contest, according to Greene.

"Our students earned over \$100,000 last year while working part-time," Greene pointed out.

The coordinator said the purpose of the DE program is to "teach free enterprise in the nation's schools."

Officers elected at Friday's meeting include Sandra Brownlee, 17-year-old daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Brownlee, vice president; Sue Beth Tillman, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Mac Tillman, secretary; Mary Jane Keene, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Keene, treasurer; Mark Eanes, 16, and Charlotte Eanes, 15, reporter and historian, respectively, and both children of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Eanes; Randy Grover, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Grover, parliamentarian.

Also elected were Jeannie Turner, 17, daughter of Mrs. Juanita Turner, chaplain; David Register, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Register Jr., sergeant-at-arms; Linda Staley, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.N. Staley, division 1 vice president; Steve Sumner, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lee Sumner, division 2 vice president; Cheryl Jones, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jones, division 3 vice president, and Pam Kelly, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kelly, division 4 vice president.

Bearcats After Fast Start

VHS Gains 4th Win Of Season

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

BAINBRIDGE — After striking for three touchdowns in the opening stanza, Valdosta High's football Wildcats rolled to a 40-22 victory over the Bainbridge Bearcats here Friday night.

A crowd of approximately 5,000 was on hand as the VHS threesome of quarterback Bruce Hilton, split end Stanford

STATISTICS		
	Valdosta	Bain.
First Downs	12	15
Yards Rushing	102	68
Yards Passing	259	119
Passes	9-19	9-20
Passes Intc. by	1	0
Fumbles Lost	2	2
Punting	2-45.5	3-38
Penalties	9-71	3-15

Rome and halfback James Savage accounted for a half dozen TDs to spark 'Dosta to a triumph in the Region 1-AAA encounter.

The win was the fourth in a row for Coach Charles Greene's 'Cats this season and their 17th straight victory in a string which dates back to the start of the 1971 campaign.

Coach J. B. Roland's Bearcats are now 1-2-1 after the setback.

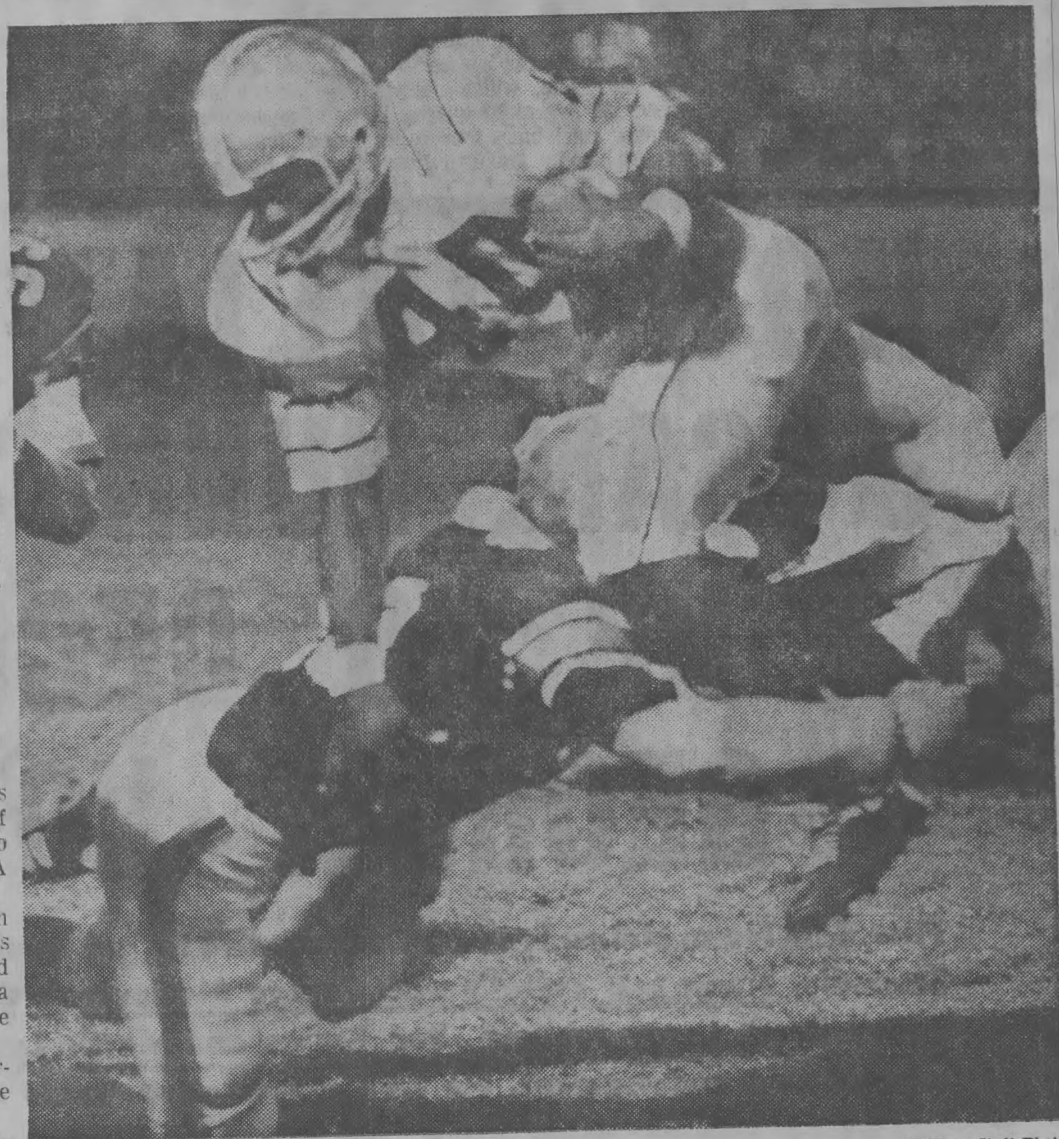
On their second offensive series of the game the Wildcats moved 38 yards to paydirt and there was never any real doubt about the outcome of the game after that.

VHS had moved to a 40-6 lead early in the third period and Bainbridge's last two touchdowns came against the reserves.

With Hilton, a 165-pound junior, as the trigger man the Wildcats' aerial attack worked to perfection. The 'Dosta quarterback hit on 7 of 13 tosses 234 yards and four touchdowns.

Savage, a 175-pound senior, scored one TD on a one-yard run and another on a 56 yard pass from Hilton.

It was Rome, however, who touched off the biggest display of offensive fireworks. The multi-talented, 195 pound junior



—Times Staff Photo

Valdosta's James Savage (40) Is Stopped By Bainbridge's Stanley Brock

tallied one TD on a dazzling 70-yard punt return and chalked up three more on passes of 56, 65, and 52 yards from Hilton. For the night Rome made three receptions for 173 yards and returned a total of six punts and kickoffs 165 yards.

Valdosta's ground attack was led by fullback Pat O'Neal, who picked up 41 yards on eight tries.

Among the defensive leaders for VHS were Jack Sullivan, George Roundtree, David Williams and Emory Williams. Sullivan accounted for eight tackles, Roundtree made seven and David and Emory Williams each had six.

Bainbridge's first touchdown

came in the second period, after Valdosta had built up a 26-point lead. The Bearcats moved 48 yards in seven plays with quarterback Bob Willis scoring on a three-yard run.

Roland's charges scored again in the third stanza. Once more the Bearcats went 48 yards in seven plays, and this time quarterback Calvin Parson accounted for the TD on a three-yard run.

When a VHS pitchout missed in the final stanza Bainbridge end Richard Martin scooped up the wayward pigskin and galloped 45 yards for the Bearcats' third and final TD.

Willis was the Bearcats' pass-

ing leader with six completions in 14 tries for 92 yards. Fullback Chip Thomas led the ground troops with 51 yards on 14 carries. The Bearcats' top receiver was tailback Ervin Flanders, who hauled in eight passes for 113 yards.

Rushing: Valdosta — Hilton 3-10, Robt. Daniels 3-17, O'Neal 8-41, King 6-19, Savage 4-8, Berrien 1-3, Halcombe 4 minus 14, Houle 2-3, Rome 1-12, J. Daniels 2-3; Bainbridge — Brock 3-8, Thomas 14-61, Willis 12 minus 13, Flander 4-6, Parsons 5-6.

Passing: Valdosta — Hilton 7-13-234, Holcombe 2-4-25, Roundtree 0-1-0; Bainbridge — Willis 6-14-92, Parson 3-6-27.

Pass Receiving: Valdosta — Rome 3, 173, J. Savage, 1-39, Blue 1-9, Robt. Daniels 1-2, Roundtree 1-5, Waters 2-25; Bainbridge — Brock 1-6, Flanders 8-11-3.

Punt Returns: Valdosta — Rome 3-11. Kickoff Returns: Valdosta — Rome 3-56; Robt. Daniels 1-42, O'Neal 1-4; Bainbridge — Parsons 2-60, Flanders 5-68.

Defense (Number of Tackles): Valdosta — Sullivan 8, Roundtree 7, O. Williams 6, E. Williams 6, A. Cooper 3; Bainbridge — S. Brock 5, Fletcher 4, Shaw 3, Martin 3, Stubbs 3, Dollar 3, Spivey 3.

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'Marchin' Cats' in Summer Camp—10-Hour Workdays

Photos and Story

By WALT JOHNSON
Times-Union Staff Writer

DOUGLAS, Ga.—Frank Butenschon is a nice easy-going guy with a penchant for winning in a big way.

As director of Valdosta High's "Marchin' Cats," Butenschon has pride in the band's past accomplishments, but keeps his eye on the future.

"The tradition of being a winner helps a lot," says Butenschon.

"This year's band really wants to be better than last year's, and they're working hard to make that goal."

Not only are the band members working, according to Butenschon, they're having a good time. "The kids really enjoy knowing they're doing the job well. Where else can you find a group of teen-agers who are willing to pay their own way to summer camp to work a 10-hour day?"

The camp Butenschon refers to is the annual band camp located at South Georgia College in Douglas.

Although "Mister B.," as Butenschon is affectionately called by the students, is quick to point out most of the band's success stems from the conscientious effort of his staff, no one can deny his own dedication is extremely contagious.

"We've gotten bigger this year," explained Butenschon,

"and now we have to sit back and see if this increase in size is going to be an asset. We are off to a better start though and the potential seems to be there."

But just sitting back seemed to be the last thing on Butenschon's mind as he walked through the campus that the "Marchin' Cats" had virtually taken over.

Stopping long enough to listen to the drum section practicing their solo number, Butenschon tempered his praise with a little constructive criticism. Turning to one of his directors he remarked, "Sound real good, don't they? Sure can tell they like having their own number."

Later Butenschon chuckled when asked if he ever had to

"get tough" to insure everyone's cooperation.

"Every now and then I have to sit on them a bit. The other night a campus security guard was watching our practice. It had been a rough day and we were all a little tired. When we finished he came up to me and asked if I'd ever considered a career as a drill instructor at Parris Island.

"Mostly though," added Butenschon, "our problems are minor ones. Sore lips for the brass section, and tired feet for everybody."

As Butenschon hurried off to the student center for the full band rehearsal, one thing he had said was obvious to any visitor at the camp. "These kids have a fantastic amount of spirit."



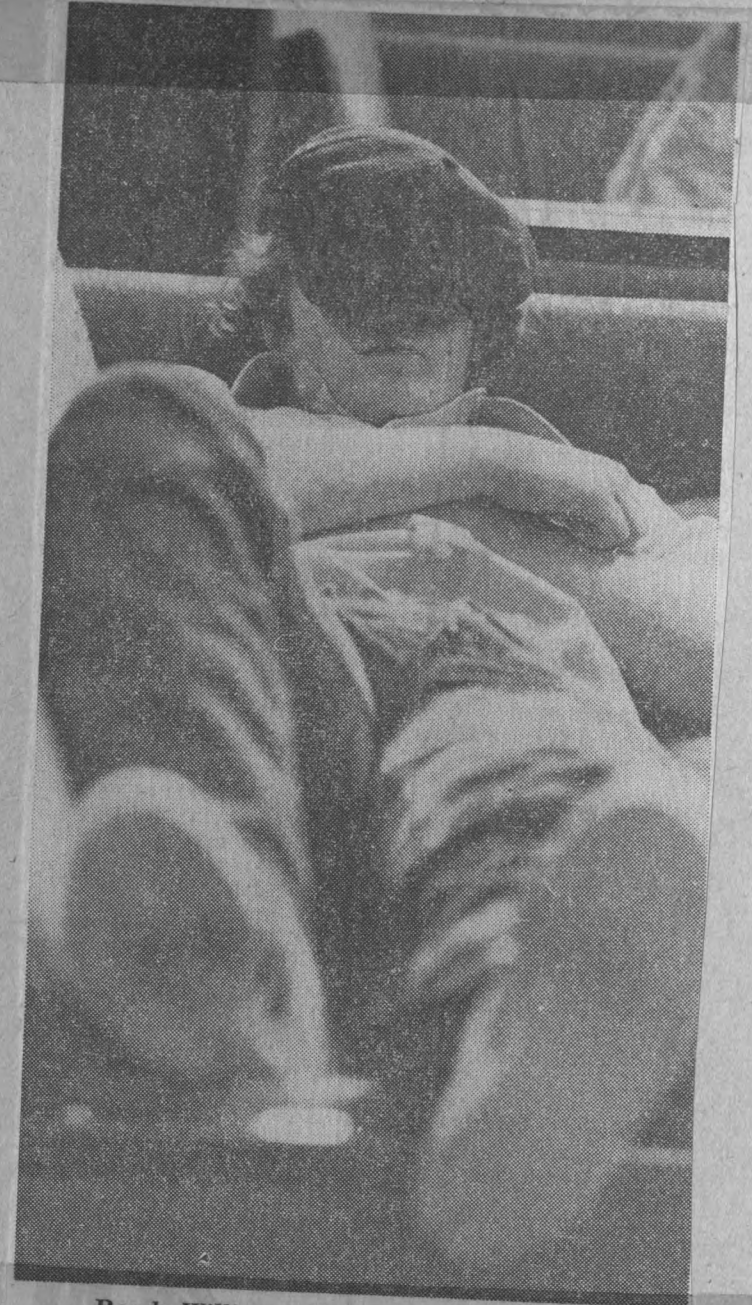
Flag Corps Weaves Among Trees at 'Marchin' Cats' Summer Camp Site on College's Wooded Area



Band Is Alert, Trying for Precision Under the Expert Direction of Butenschon



Director Butenschon Gives Attention to Minor Details at Rehearsal



Randy Williams, Trombone Leader, Rests



Drummers Really Show Off Their Talents During Solo Performance at Douglas Campus



Featured Twirler Bonnie Budd Displays Her Baton Abilities



Cliff Nichols Can't Suppress a Yawn During Long Practice Sessions

Wildcats March Into Bainbridge

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats are to face Bainbridge's Bearcats at Bainbridge in the top attraction on tonight's area high school football slate.

Coach Charles Greene's 'Cats and coach J. B. Roland's Bearcats are to meet at 8 p.m. in a Region 1-AAA outing.

In other games tonight involving area teams, Atkinson County (Pearson) will be at Berrien (Nashville, Ga.), Cairo at Cook (Adel), Bacon County (Alma) at Clinch County (Homerlyville) Santa Fe (Alachua) at Hamilton County (Jasper) and Jacksonville Tech at Madi-

bels when Berrien (1-2) and Atkinson (0-1-1) tangle tonight at Nashville. It will be the first Region 2-A test for Berrien.

Cook's Hornets will be trying to put the brakes on a three-game losing skid when they host Cairo's Syrupmakers (1-1-1). Both belong to Region 1-AA, but they campaign in different sub-divisions.

Clinch's Panthers (1-1-1) and Bacon's Raiders (1-2) will also be meeting in a non-league test. Clinch is a 2-B member, while

Bacon belongs to 2-A.

Hamilton's Trojans will get a taste of Florida Crown Conference competition when they go against Santa Fe at Jasper. The Trojans are 0-1.

Madison's Cougars (0-1) will be making their home-field debut against Jacksonville Tech.

Brooks (1-2) and Ware (0-2) will both be trying to snap two-game losing streaks when they collide Saturday night at Waycross. This is another match up between 1-AA members from different sub-divisions.



—TIMES-UNION PHOTOS

Aerial View of New School Under Construction in Valdosta

\$3.6-MILLION FACILITY

New Valdosta School Nearing Completion

By WALT JOHNSON
Times-Union Staff Writer

VALDOSTA, Ga. — Valdosta's new \$3.6-million high school is well on its way to being finished, with Dec. 15, 1972 now set as the scheduled completion date.

Originally, the ultramodern structure was due to be ready by September but contractor's delays have pushed that date back three months.

Cecil Cannon, a member of the architectural firm of Zeb Lackey and Associates, says if all goes well the school would be in use by January 1973.

The new school is unique in its design, with 2,001 square feet under one roof and visual dividers used in place of closed spaces to set apart classrooms.

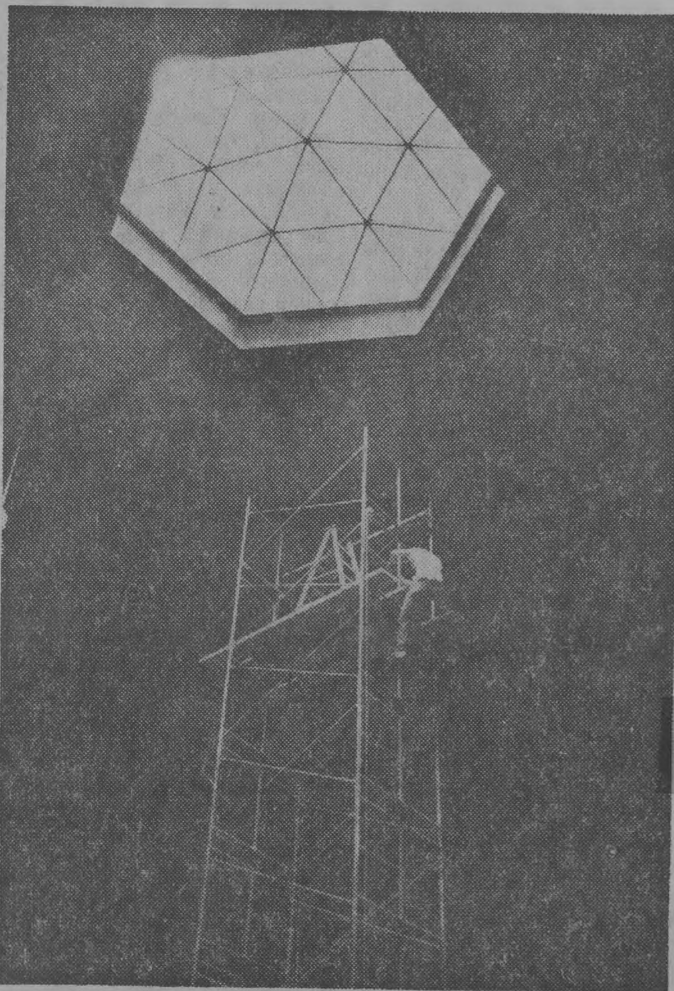
The curriculum will include vocational as well as college preparatory subjects in an attempt to offer a program suited to most student needs.

Located on Forest Street north of the present city limits, the school has been financed with local bond funds and state money.

The local bond issue was \$2.3 million while \$1.8 million in state funds is available and about \$100,000 in federal aid for vocational-educational equipment is also available for the project.

There has been some controversy in the community because of the distance from present residential areas to the new school.

Officials here admit transportation might be a problem



Workman on Scaffold Under Gym Skylight

for some students. However, there are already a number of apartment complexes in the northeast section of the

city and plans are under way for more residential development in the area chosen for the school site.

Butler New VHS Senior Class Prexy

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The president of the Georgia Distributive Education Clubs of America has been elected president of the senior class at Valdosta High School, according to Lloyd Mims, principal of the school.

In elections held recently, Ron Butler won the top office for the 1972-73 school year, Mims said.

Butler, the son of Mrs. C. S. Butler of 1505 Slater St., is a member of the First United Methodist Church here.

A former Eagle Scout, Butler was named Student of the Year by the DE club at VHS earlier this year.

Active in several high school clubs, Butler plans to go on to college following graduation and has his eye on a possible career in law.

Other officers elected by the senior class at VHS include Bernard Moorehead, vice president; Eden Beck, secretary, and Phyllis Moore, treasurer.

Wildcats Sail Past



—Times Staff Photo

'Cats' Stanford Rome (11) Eludes Three Bainbridge Defenders And Heads For Goal Line On 70-Yard Punt Return

FOOTBALL PLAYERS 1972-73

Elliott, Walter
Houle, Jerome
Doig, Gregg
Henry, Jack
Coachman, Wesley
Hilton, Bruce
Rome, Stan
Wilson, Cedric
Holcombe, Johnny
Williams, Gary
Cooper, Arthur
King, Tony
Blue, Luther
Waters, Tony
Lane, Larry
Savage, Paul
Hendrix, Bud
Richardson, Larry
Cooper, Timmy
Williams, David
Binford, Randy
Rowe, Gary
Demp, Robert
Morris, Ralph
Whitfield, David
O'Neal, Pat

Franklin, Dub
Carmichael, David
Christian, Charles
Register, David
Hutchens, Gary
Teffeteller, Phil
Sumner, David
Stevens, Mark
McCullar, Randy
Adams, David
Fountain, Noah
Johnson, Wade
Dodson, Loren
Brantley, Bobby
Irby, Gary
Cone, Dean
Mitchell, David
Morehead, Bernard
Wilbon, Freddie
Miller, Keith
Cobb, Zollie
Johnson, Calvin
Adams, Danny
Bellamy, Johnny
Berrien, James
Massey, Arthur

Coaches Pick Honor Roll

There was war in her voice. "I demand to know, why wasn't my son on your honor roll?" the woman snapped in a tone General Patton would have envied.

"His statistics were just as good — BETTER — than most of those you listed. Now I demand to know, why was he left off?"

It was well on its way to being a typical Monday when the angry woman phoned. She was Prep Honor Roll Protest Call No. 6, but a hands-down-winner as the day's No. 1 pain.

Very calmly, the nominating procedure for the Monday morning feature was finally allowed to be explained. Coaches statewide were notified by mail as to how this list is compiled.

Her time was being wasted. Hang up, it was politely suggested, and dial your coach. He's the one who has been invited to handle nominations, by merely calling The Constitution sports department each Sunday.

Names which appear are the result of coaches who are interested in their players. These men know full well that college scouts often use the Honor Roll as a guide in their recruitment.

So please, parents when you don't find the name of your son or one of your team's top athletes listed, call the coach.

Noted in passing . . .

Thomasville had more sacks than your neighborhood super market Friday night. Coach Jim Hughes' Bulldogs nailed Crisp County backs behind the line of scrimmage 18 times. Junior middle guard Danny Scott did it seven times alone. With an assist from John David Peebles and Tommy Gaston, Scott helped hold the 33-0 losing opposition to minus 58 yards rushing . . . thanks in large measure to quarterback John Pournelle, Treutlen really bounced back after getting slaughtered 78-6 by Johnson County two weeks ago. It got some degree of revenge, whipping West Laurens, 35-24 . . . Isn't Bobby Pate doing some kind of coaching job at Cherokee High in Canton? Steve Foster, Rick Haley, Wayne Davis, Audie Bryant, Bobby Fitzgerald and friends are enjoying a 3-0 season to date after going 0-10 in 1971.

Moultrie's Frank Walker had 104 of his 141 yards rushing in the first half of a 28-0 win over Dougherty. Meanwhile, teammates Jerome McIntyre, Randy Coggins, Alex Williams



THE PREP SCENE

BY HAL HAYES

Coatsey Ellison and Dennis Vick were really shutting off the visiting Trojans, limiting them to only 42 on the ground . . . Bruce Bishop of Stratford Academy was well below his usual number of carries Friday night, but wound up awfully close to his per game rushing average. The senior tailback ran the ball only four times but piled up 214 yards — all touchdowns, 46, 47, 66 and 55 yards in distance — in 61-7 romp over Edmund Burke. The Eagles had 627 yards offensively, 472 of it rushing. Quarterbacks Bobby Hix and Don Gwitz completed five of six passes for an additional 155.

Wes Harden, Campbell of Smyrna running back-safety, may be one of Cobb County's most underrated college prospects. At least that what recruiters say of the tough 6-0, 175-pound senior . . . Valdosta's Bruce Hilton may not exactly make Wildcat faithful forget the graduated Stan Bounds, but he's trying. Against Bainbridge, for instance, he hit on seven of 13 passes and four TDs. . . . And would you believe, Charlie Greene used 87 players in Valdosta's 40-22 jaunt past the Bearcats?

Some of the names you keep hearing week after week in this job: Jack Considine, Mt. de Sales guard; Alexander French, Warner Robins running back; Ricky Martin, Macon County quarterback; Milton Mathis, Ogdan Handsford and Al Pollard of Central, Macon; Charlie Walton of Douglass of Montezuma; Dicky Clark and Jim McDaniel of Rossville; David Reeves of Savannah Country Day; Johnny Roy Parks of Seminole County; David Bryant of Glynn Academy; Leroy Harris, Savannah High; Billy Dixon of Crisp County; Chip Burnett of Newton County; Jim and Gary Laggis of North Clayton; Jim Griffith of Haralson County; Jeff Pyburn of Cedar Shoals; Barry Bremen of Bremen.

PREP FOOTBALL RATINGS

Rockmart Keeps No. 1 Rating

The Journal's Football Ratings

AAA

1. Valdosta (4-0)
2. Lakeside (4-0)
3. Moultrie (3-0)
4. R. E. Lee (4-0)
5. Central-Macon (3-0)
6. Laney (4-0)
7. Waycross (4-0)
8. Peachtree (4-0)
9. Warner Robins (3-0)
10. (tie) Douglas Co. (4-0)
- and South Cobb (4-0)

- ### A
1. Rockmart (3-0)
 2. St. Pius X (3-0)
 3. Washington-Wilkes (5-0)
 4. Carrollton (4-0)
 5. Irwin Co. (3-0)
 6. Bowdon (4-0)
 7. White Co. (4-0)
 8. Lithonia (4-0)
 9. Macon Co. (4-0)
 10. Jefferson (4-0)

AA

1. Southwest-Atlanta (3-0)
2. Shamrock (3-0)
3. Statesboro (3-0)
4. Russell (3-0)
5. Southwest DeKalb (3-1)
6. Swainsboro (4-0)
7. (tie) Americus (3-0)
- and Central-Thomasville (4-0)
9. North Springs (4-0)
10. (tie) West Rome (3-1)
- and Woodward Academy (3-1)

- ### B
1. Southeast Bulloch (4-0)
 2. Pacelli (4-0)
 3. Adairsville (3-0)
 4. Hogansville (4-0)
 5. Buford (4-0)
 6. Duluth (2-1)
 7. Arnuchee (3-0-1)
 8. West Side-Rocky Face (3-0)
 9. Savannah Country Day (3-1)
 10. St. Joseph (3-1)

Other teams receiving consideration (in alphabetical order): Albany (3-0), Avondale (2-1), Benedictine (2-1), Cherokee (3-0), Glenn Hills (3-1), Glynn Academy (2-0-2), Griffin (2-0-1), Hardaway (2-1), Newnan (3-0), Northside-Warner Robins (3-1), Rossville (3-0), Sequoyah (3-1), Thomasville (3-1), Windsor-Forest (3-1).

- ### C
1. Aquinas (2-1), Cartersville (3-1), Central-Carrollton (3-1), Central Gwinnett (3-1), Claxton (2-1), Cochran (4-0), Commerce (3-0), East Harll (4-0), Harlem (3-1), Jeff Davis (2-1), Johnson Co. (3-1), Louisville (3-0), Manchester (2-1), Morgan Co. (2-0-1), Murray, Co. (4-0), Pickens Co. (2-1), Putnam Co. (3-0), Roswell (3-1), Seminole Co. (4-0), Turner Co. (2-1), Wilkinston Co. (4-0), Wrens (3-1).

Other teams receiving consideration (in alphabetical order): Dade Co. (2-1), Loganville (2-0-1), Montgomery Co. (2-1), Mt. Zion (3-1), Palmetto (2-1-1), Patterson (3-1), Unadilla (2-1-1), Valley Point (3-1).

By DAVID DAVIDSON

Atlanta Journal Prep Editor

Rockmart High School's football team, band, cheerleaders and about 400 fans made a 110-mile trip to Manchester Friday night, but the officials failed to appear and there was no game.

Monday, Georgia High School Association executive secretary Sam Burke ruled the fault belonged to the Columbus Officials Association for failure to assign a crew to that game.

"It is ruled as no contest," said Burke. "As for the possibility of playing it later, well, Manchester has an open date on Oct. 20, but Rockmart has none.

"However, if neither team reaches the playoffs, I gave them the option of playing Nov. 10, since both end their seasons the week before."

THE ODDS for Rockmart failing to make the playoffs, however, appear slim. The Yellow Jackets, though deprived of competition this weekend, remain No. 1 in The Journal's high school football Class A Top Ten rating.

Rockmart, 3-0, heads a list of 10 unbeaten, untied teams on the Class A rating list, and six others with unblemished records standing in line to get on.

"With St. Pius, Washington-Wilkes and

Carrollton (the Nos. 2-3-4 teams) winning like they did, it looks like it would be tough for us to stay on top," said Rockmart coach Ed Pharo.

"Being No. 1 gets a lot of folks pointing at you," Pharo continued. "I thought at the beginning of the season we had lost more personnel than some of the teams rated below us. But our kids have played well and won some games.

"If we can get past our next three games (nonregion Cedartown Friday, at region Bowdon Oct. 6 and region Model Oct. 13) I think we have a good chance of getting into the playoffs."

SHOULD the Yellow Jackets make it, their probable opponent from the South Division of Region 5-A will be defending Class A champion Carrollton.

Carrollton currently is 4-0, is averaging 20 points per game and has given up only six points in a 15-6 victory over Class AA power West Rome at Rome.

Like Rockmart, the other No. 1 teams last week remained on top: Valdosta in Class AAA with a 40-22 victory over Bainbridge, Southwest High of Atlanta in Class AA with a 35-3 victory over previously unbeaten Fulton, and Southeast Bulloch in Class B with an amazingly easy 41-0 victory over Lyons.

'Dosta At Home; Lowndes Travels

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Wildcats are finally home, but the Vikings are still on the road.

That's the story for Friday night, as Valdosta's Wildcats host the Albany Indians in a battle of unbeaten, and the Lowndes Vikings pay a

AREA GRID SLATE

Friday
Albany at Valdosta
Lowndes at Crisp
Worth at Brooks
Clinch at Atkinson
Florida A & M Teaching at Hamilton
Thomasville Central at Madison
Berrien-open date
Cook-open date

visit to Cordele's Crisp County Cougars in a pair of Region 1-AAA clashes, highlighting a sparse slate of high school football action involving a re a schools.

Other contests include Worth County (Sylvester) at Brooks County (Quitman), Clinch County (Homerville) at Atkinson County (Pearson), Florida A&M Teaching School (Tallahassee) at Hamilton County (Jasper) and Thomasville Central at Madison.

Two area teams, Berrien's Rebels from Nashville, Ga., and Cook's Hornets from Adel, have open dates and are idle.

Coach Charles Greene's Wildcats are scheduled to face coach Ferrell Henry's Indians in a game at Cleveland Field, marking VHS' fifth contest of the season and first home tilt after a three-game road trip.

The 'Cats haul a 4-0 record into the game, following last week's 40-22 victory over Bainbridge. Albany, meanwhile, stands 3-0 for the year after edging Lowndes, 13-6, last week.

Coach Noel George's Lowndes squad will be hoping to rebound against Crisp (1-3). The Vikings, 1-2, are coming off last week's loss to Albany, while Crisp dropped a 33-0 decision to rugged Thomasville last Friday.

The road contest is the third in a row for the Vikings, who dropped a 42-14 decision to Moultrie in their home opener, then pounded Brooks County 38-21, before losing to Albany.

Brooks' Trojans (2-2) upended Ware County's Gators from Wayercross, 38-12, last week, and coach Bobby Rich is hoping his squad can keep the offensive work up to that level when it hosts Worth (0-3).

The contest is the first Region 1-AA (West) game of the year for Brooks.

Coach Cecil Dunn's Clinch County Panthers (1-2-1) will be looking for a win Friday, when they pay a non-region visit to Atkinson County's Rebels (0-2-1).

The tilt will mark the second time the two squads have met this season. Earlier, Clinch and Atkinson fought to an 8-8 tie in Homerville.

Hamilton County's Trojans (0-2) will be looking for their first victory of the season Friday night, when they host Florida A&M Teaching School. Coach Carl Duncan's Trojans dropped a 34-6 decision to Santa Fe (Alachua) last week.

Coach Ron Peterson, meanwhile, is hoping his Madison Cougars can keep up the fireworks they began last week with a 66-0 rout of Jacksonville

Tech when they host the tough Thomasville Central Yellow Jackets.

Madison carries a 1-1 chart into the game, while Central is unbeaten in four contests.

Other games of interest follow:

FRIDAY — Cairo at Americus, Blackshear at Appling, Bainbridge at Tift, Jeff Davis at Brantley, Brunswick at Wayne, Camden at Albany, Patterson at Charlton, Waycross at Coffee, Abbeville, Ala., at Early, Irwin at Fitzgerald, Mitchell at Terrell, Monroe at Moultrie and Turner at Randolph.

Valdosta, Moultrie Win Big

Special to The Times-Union

The Valdosta Wildcats and the Moultrie Packers continued to keep pace with each other in a bid for the Region 1 AAA title as they defeated a couple of Albany teams Friday night.

The Wildcats trounced the Albany Indians, 48-14, behind the versatile game called by quarterback Bruce Hilton who unleashed scoring bombs and then ran for touchdowns against the Indians and the Packers ripped Munroe, 48-8.

Hilton had to go to George Rountree, on a 48-yard toss, and to Tony Waters for an 81-yarder. His favorite target, All-America Stan Rome, saw very limited action because of a foot injury.

Valdosta Still A Powerhouse

By HAL HAYES

Constitution Prep Editor

The calendar and the seasons are the only things that change in Valdosta, as far as Albany's Ferrell Henry is concerned.

"It's the same old story," the amiable head coach of the Indians said Thursday.

"Nothing's missing. It's the same as when Coach (Wright) Bazemore was there.

"Valdosta's still very, very strong and very, very good. And still winning (4-0). We're in for another rugged time."

Albany, 3-0, meets the Wildcats, defending state Class AAA champions, in a 1-AAA contest Friday at 7:30 p.m.

"Down there, too," Henry added. "And that makes it doubly tough.

"Valdosta's tough anywhere you play them. And especially when they're home.

"This bunch is typical of all the great teams Coach Bazemore had down there," he said.

"They have tremendous size—260, 250, 245, stuff like that across their defensive line — and great speed."

The Albany coach said "all

of their personnel will impress you, but certainly none more so than Stan Rome. What a football player!

"He is probably as good a receiver right now as there is in high school or college. He is so rugged and strong he can have two men on him and still tear loose after he's caught the ball."

'Cats Go Against Tribe

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

Valdosta's Wildcats and Albany's Indians, a pair of traditional high school football rivals, will both put undefeated records on the line when they clash here Friday night.

The important Region 1-AAA outing between coach Charles Greene's 'Cats and coach Ferrell Henry's Indians is slated for 8 p.m. at Cleveland Field.

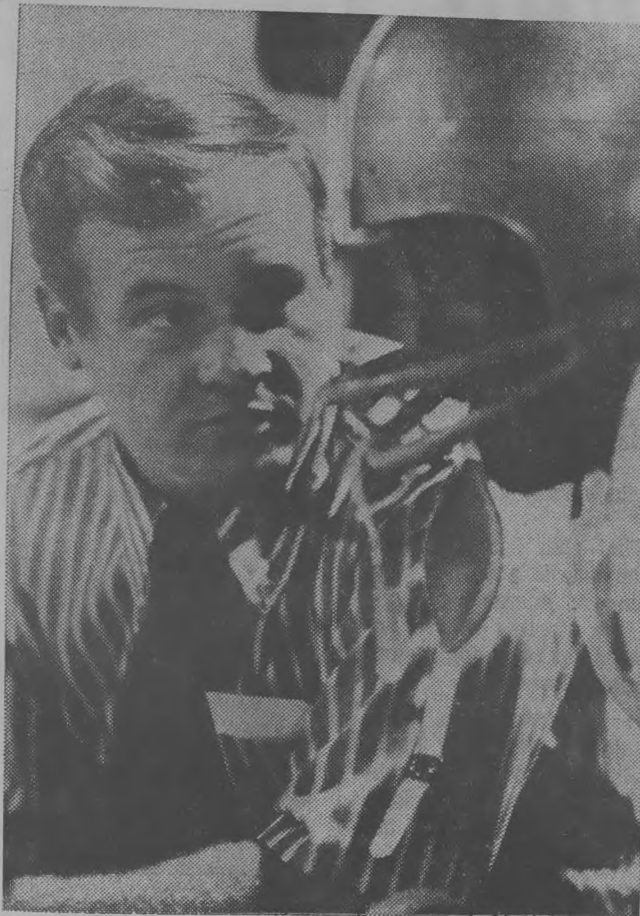
Valdosta is atop the Region 1-AAA standing with a 4-0 record. Albany shares second place with Moultrie, and both own 3-0 charts. VHS will also risk a 17-game winning streak which dates back to the start of the 1971 season.

'Dosta's four triumphs this season have come over Thomasville (13-6), Dougherty (34-6), Crisp County* (34-8) and Bainbridge (40-22). Albany has beaten Westover (6-0), Monroe (29-12) and Lowndes (13-6).

"Albany has its best team since 1967," VHS grid boss Greene allowed. "They have a well balanced team, one which does many things well. We (VHS) have been playing Albany for a long, long time and they're always 'up' very high for us.

"This is going to be our toughest test since our opening game with Thomasville. I certainly hope we're ready."

That 1967 Albany team Greene mentioned spanked the Wildcats, 27-7. That's the last time the Indians scalped the 'Cats. As for the 1972 opener with Thomasville, that contest was even closer than VHS' slim victory margin of 13-6. 'Dosta had to stage a second half rally to



-Times Staff Photo

Valdosta Head Coach Charles Greene Advises

pull that contest out of the fire. age accounted for six TDs.

Albany will send a balanced attack against VHS tomorrow night. The Tribe likes to mix the run and the pass, and has an outstanding pitch-catch brother combination in quarterback David Histon (170, jr.) and end Dennis Hitson (175, sr.). Fullback Jay Dallas (180, sr.) offers power and halfbacks Cedric Anderson (160, sr.) and Ricky Barton (170, sr.) both have speed.

Rome came out of the Bainbridge game with a bruised foot which has slowed him in practice this week and has him

Against Bainbridge last week the Valdosta trio of quarterback Bruce Hilton, split end Stanford Rome and halfback James Sav-

age accounted for six TDs.

Hilton threw four touchdown passes, three to Rome and one to Savage. Rome also scored on a 7-yard kick return and Savage tallied a second TD on a short run.

Rome came out of the Bainbridge game with a bruised foot which has slowed him in practice this week and has him

on the doubtful list for the clash with Albany. "I think we've been making improvement on offense," Greene said, "and in that regard the work of our offensive line shouldn't be overlooked.

"We started the season with only a limited amount of experience among our interior linemen on offense. As they've improved, so has our attack. "I also feel we've made improvement on defense. Again, there were many places where we lacked experienced at the beginning of the year.

"The thing is we can't afford to stop moving forward. We've made some improvement, but we have plenty of room to make more."

Valdosta's and Albany's probable starters follow:

VALDOSTA

Offense — ends Stanford Rome (190, jr.) or Tony Waters (150, jr.) and Luther Blue (180, sr.), or Zolip Cobb (180, soph.) tackles Bernard Morehead (260, sr.) or Bobby Grantley (20, sr.) and Wade Johnson (215, sr.), guards Charles Christian (190, jr.) and David Register (215, sr.), center Jimmy Scruggs (180, sr.) or Norman Bankston (180, jr.), quarterback Bruce Hilton (165, jr.), halfbacks Tony King (160, jr.) and James Savage (175, sr.) and fullback, Pat O'Neal (190, sr.).

Defense — ends Robert Daniels (190, sr.) and George Roundtree (185, sr.), tackles David Mitchell (245, jr.) and Freddie Wilbon (260, jr.), middle guard Gary Irby (200, sr.), outside linebackers Larry Lane (170, sr.) and Arthur Cooper (160, jr.), inside linebackers Jack Sullivan (175, jr.) and Ronald Daniels (200, sr.) and safeties Gary Rowe (190, sr.) and David Williams (165, jr.).

ALBANY

Wildcat Lady Painting On

By TOM STEADMAN

Valdosta's "Wildcat Lady" has done it again.

Patsy Smith, the Valdosta High School art teacher who painted "millions of wildcats" last year, has designed a wildcat drinking glass.

The eight-ounce glasses, being used as promotional devices by BP service stations here, have a black and gold wildcat design baked into their surfaces, Mrs. Smith said.

"Last year I did so many wildcats I could have done them in my sleep," Mrs. Smith laughed. "I put them on pocket books, plaques, rocks, windbreakers and on the sides of buildings. I even did a wildcat night light."

The art instructor, in her second year at VHS, said she got her start during a two-year stint at Valdosta Junior High School. "Down there the mascot was a Tomcat," she said. "I started with them and progressed to a 45-foot wildcat last year."

Mrs. Smith said she did so many wildcats last year that she became known as "that Wildcat Lady."

"The only thing I haven't painted them is on a toilet seat," she laughed. "I think I can rule that out."

Bill Holland, owner of an oil company here approached



Mrs. Smith and 'Glass of Cheer'

—Times Staff Photo

Mrs. Smith last year with an idea for a promotion involving wildcat drinking glasses, she said.

"I wanted to give away good attractive drinking glasses," he said, "and I wanted the local angle in it too."

Holland said he ordered 1,700 dozen of the glasses from Federal Glass Company in Cleveland, Ohio.

"I didn't sign the design or anything," Mrs. Smith said. "Now I wish I had. It's probably the most publicity I'll ever get."

The art instructor said her VHS classes are now working on a nine-foot tall paper mache wildcat, which is to be placed on top of the school building.

"I'll paint a wildcat on anything I'm asked to," she said. "I've done them for people out of town and for all the coaches at the high school."

A graduate of VHS, Mrs. Smith played in the Wildcat band for three years. She married Tom Bush Smith Jr., a former Wildcat football player. Their two children are also active supporters of the 'Cats.

"My son is a 10th grader who'll be a player for the Wildcats next year," she said, "and my daughter, a sixth-grader at S. L. Mason, hopes to be a flag corps girl for VHS someday."

Mrs. Smith said she was given a football jacket by the team last year for her efforts. "That thrilled me the most of anything," she said. But for now, she'll just go on painting wildcats on anything that doesn't move.



Bazemore: On the Sidelines No More

Valdosta

Wright Bazemore Is Gone . . . Rowland's Regret Remains

By JOE LITSCH

Atlanta Journal Staff Writer

BAINBRIDGE, Ga.—Once a year J. B. Rowland has some second thoughts about a decision he made ten years ago.

Rowland, at that time, decided to give up his position as a member of Wright Bazemore's football staff at Valdosta and go to Albany. From Albany, he came to Bainbridge but he still couldn't get away from Valdosta.

His annual regret came Friday night when Valdosta came to town and went back home with a 40-22 win.

Through the years, Rowland has seen the best and worst of Valdosta and figures the 1972 squad a little towards the best end of the scale. Wright Bazemore has retired now and Charlie Greene is the head coach, but they still keep winning.

"They're not as hard-nosed as they used to be," said Rowland. "They like to put the ball in the air a lot more."

And there's a good reason for that. When Valdosta puts the ball in

the air, there's usually somebody there to catch it when it comes down. Namely, Stanford Rome.

Rome first made a name for himself as a sophomore starter at split end on Valdosta's 1971 State and National Championship team. He was catching passes from Stan Bounds, who has now graduated and gone to Ole Miss. Now, it's Bruce Hilton putting the ball into the air.

The two, Hilton and Rome, put Bainbridge out of the game early. Together, they accounted for five of Valdosta's six touchdowns and three of those were touchdown passes of 56, 65 and 52 yards.

"It's plays like those that kill you," said Rowland. "We gave them two easy ones simply because we weren't covering."

But covering Rome is just not that easy.

"He gets double coverage just about everywhere we go," said Greene. "Actually Bainbridge was a triple covering him."

Everybody knew what Rome

could do but there was some question as to whether or not Hilton could fill Bounds' shoes. Before halftime, the Valdosta fans were jokingly asking, "Who was that Bounds kid last year?"

Hilton, just a junior, completed seven of 13 passes for 233 yards and four touchdowns. The one touchdown pass Rome didn't catch went to Paul Savage, who also got the night's scoring started on a one-yard run.

"Hilton really should have had this kind of night last week," said Greene. "He completed nine of 12 for 120 yards last week, but he had four to Rome called back

"At least this week, we got more yards rushing than we had in penalties," said Greene. "Last week, we had more yards in penalties than we did in rushing."

Penalties still were a problem for Valdosta. The Wildcats drew nine for 71 yards. However, most of those came in the second half when the more experienced ball players were already on the sidelines.

"Just about everybody that was

on the field for the last two quarters were sophomores," said Joe Mercer, Valdosta offensive assistant.

Actually, Greene started sending in substitutes about midway the second quarter, after Valdosta was comfortably ahead 26-0.

Bainbridge's highlight came just before halftime when the Bearcats drove down and Bob Willis scored from the three. It was Christmas, New Year's Eve and July 4 all in one for the Bainbridge fans.

The celebration was shortlived. Valdosta got the ball with 1:14 showing on the clock and in three plays and 29 seconds they had scored again. This was one of those Hilton to Rome setups.

"Things went a lot smoother for us this week," said Greene. "We didn't make as many mistakes and we're playing together much better."

Greene's new job as head Valdosta coach isn't easy, following a man like Bazemore. And despite Bazemore's impressive 290-47-6 coaching record, Greene is one up on him. Greene has yet to lose.

It's Prep Football Time for South Georgia

AND IN VALDOSTA IT'S:

So Long Wright.....

VALDOSTA — "Miss football. You bet, but it's kinda a good miss," says Wright Bazemore who's out of Valdosta High football for the first time since 1940.

"I didn't fully realize how much work there was in this athletic director's job," quipped Bazemore. "I don't find a bit of time on my hands. It's even keeping me from fishing so much."

Being around kids is Wright's big love and in his AD role he's still helping

youngsters and that's just the way he wants it.

"COACHING is a full time job these days and when you toss in all the other duties — meetings, banquets, etc. — you really pile on the pressure," adds Bazemore.

"Lack of pressure is what I'm really enjoying most. Sure, I've got a working timetable and things must get done, but just being AD you've more time to concentrate on the little things which can really help the program.

"They'll get along OK," says Bazemore about the team he guided to 14 state championships and 290 victories against 43 losses, and six ties.

"This is a football town and don't forget it. Everyone's behind our Wildcats and that has made coaching this team so easy over the years.

"WE'VE GOT a great coach in Charles (Greene who succeeds the man for whom he played during the mid 50s) and we've got that winning

tradition. These youngsters of today want to be just as good if not better than those before them. And they'll do it too. Things just have a habit of getting better."

Bazemore won't be missing any of the Wildcat games this year, but he'll be up in those stands and that makes Mrs. Bazemore very happy. "Now, I can find out about the game as it goes along and not have to wait until I get home to ask about finer points," laughed Mrs. Bazemore.

.....hello Charles

VALDOSTA — "That big D is the difference in coaching ranks," says Charles Greene, who has taken over the Valdosta Wildcats following their 14th state title.

The D Greene speaks of it DECISION.

"You've got to make them and sometimes without time to think them out," says Charles, who was a guard on the 1956-57 championship Wildcats.

"BUT I'VE been most fortunate for having worked for a man who never backed off

a decision and he never hesitated to take the blame if one backfired.

"Coach Bazemore's theory included that one should never look back, but always ahead. He believes that what went before makes you wiser for the future.

"Sure, we all must second-guess ourselves once in a while, but that second guessing must be on the constructive side and not fault finding," says Greene.

After a spring practice and a summer-football camp,

Greene feels Valdosta is fully capable of starting another era during which the town can be proud of their Wildcats.

"THESE KIDS have that pride instilled in them and they're not just out there playing football for fun and glory, they're doing it for their town and their school," said Greene.

Greene, who started his football career at the Valdosta Boy's Club, fully realizes he's a bit on the spot following the great Bazemore rec-

ord. But Charles also knows that he's been well versed in the grid game and being head coach of the Wildcats is a dream come true. And Charles is a guy who'll keep working on that dream.

There's another big plus on Greene's side as Charles looks at it. "I've got the finest football staff in... They're working and their nitely ca-

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.....And Filling Bi

VALDOSTA — Filling big shoes appear the thing to do this football season at Valdosta High.

Charles Greene takes over

for Wright Bazemore while young Bruce Hilton moves into the No. 1 quarterback following a record-breaking two years by Stanley Bounds.

year.

Flock, who has the distinguished bearing of a Wall Street banker, came out of the hills of Alabama with brothers Bob and Fonty Flock and won two Grand National driving titles and scores of short track triumphs that left Jarrett, now a promoter at Hickory, N.C., a naive and articulate color commentator on racing broadcasts and goodwill ambassador for the sport, won the Grand National title in 1961 and 1962. He was a member of Ford's factory racing team several times.

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Wildcats, Vikes Seen As Victors

My football forecasting average definitely took a dive this past week. I made only 32 correct guesses and was wrong with 14 of my predictions for a .698 average.

This made my record for the season dip 25 points and it now stands at 103-35—746. Without wasting any more time here's the way I see the high school and college games on tap for this weekend.



SAMMY GLASSMAN

VALDOSTA VS ALBANY

—Valdosta's Wildcats and Albany's Indians, a pair of traditional rivals are to clash here tonight in a Region 1-AAA outing. Both teams are unbeaten. VHS has won four in a row and Albany has clicked off three straight wins. The game should be a good one, and I think Valdosta will emerge as the winner.

LOWNDES VS CRISP

—Lowndes' Vikings (1-2) are to go against Crisp County's Cougars (1-3) in another 1-AAA affair at Cordele tonight. LHS has a strong running game and Crisp has the fastest man in the league in the person of end Billy Dixon. I figure this will also be an exciting contest, and I'm giving the nod to the Vikes.

BROOKS VS WORTH — Brooks County's Trojans (2-2) and Worth County's Rams (1-2) will hook up in a Region 1-AA (West) test at Quitman. It's the first league battle of the season for Brooks and I think the Trojans will come through with a victory.

CLINCH VS ATKINSON — Clinch's Panthers (1-2-1) and Atkinson County's Rebels (0-2-1) will be meeting for the second time this season. Their first game ended in an 8-8 tie. This time I think the scales will be tipped in Clinch's favor.

HAMILTON VS FAMU TEACHING — Hamilton County's Trojans (0-2) will be hosting Florida A & M Teaching School. Hamilton is still looking for its first win and I think it will get it tonight.

MADISON VS CENTRAL — Madison's Cougars (1-1) will have the home field advantage when they battle Thomasville Central's unbeaten (4-0) Yellow Jackets, but can still expect tough sledding. I'm picking Central.

OTHER PREP GAMES AT A GLANCE — Americus over Cairo, Tift over Bainbridge, Wayne over Brunswick, Camden over Ware, Waycross over Coffee, Irwin over Fitzgerald, Moultrie over Monroe and Early over Abbeville, Ala.

Now let's look at the college slate.

GEORGIA TECH VS RICE — Georgia Tech's Yellow Jackets (2-1) will be gunning for their third win in a row when they tackle Rice's Owls (2-0). This will be a toughie, but I think the Jackets will stay on the victory trail.

GEORGIA VS NC STATE — Georgia's Bulldogs (1-1) and North Carolina State's Wolfpack (1-1-1) look like an even match. I flipped a coin on this one and it indicated a win for Georgia.

FLORIDA STATE VS KANSAS — Florida State's Seminoles are riding the crest of a three-game winning streak. Kansas owns a 1-1 chart. It seems to me the Seminoles will pick up another grid scalp.

FLORIDA VS MISS STATE — Florida's Gators will be trying to rebound after an opening game loss, but Mississippi State is strong and I think it will hand the boys from Gainesville their second loss.

OTHER COLLEGE GAMES AT A GLANCE — Alabama

Grid Glimpses

(See stories on pages 9-10-11)

Valdosta 48, Albany 14

Valdosta's Wildcats marched 47 yards for a score after the opening kickoff enroute to a Region 1-AAA win over previously unbeaten Albany. VHS picked up 442 yards of total offense along the way.

Lowndes 7, Crisp 7

Lowndes' Vikings swapped first-half touchdowns with Crisp County's Cougars, then settled down for a defensive battle in their Region 1-AAA encounter. Viking running back Larry Johnson picked up 164 yards on 14 carries.

Brooks 21, Worth 7

Brooks County's Trojans from Quitman raised their season chart to 3-2 and took home a victory in their first Region 1-AA (West) tilt of the year. Fullback Alger Jefferson scored two Brooks touchdowns.

Clinch 30, Atkinson 12

Clinch County's Panthers, off to their best start since 1969, walloped the non-region Rebels from Pearson. Quarterback Lewis Chisholm tossed scoring passes of 72 and 64 yards.

FAMU 34, Hamilton 0

Florida A & M Teaching School won its third game without a defeat this season, as it ripped Hamilton County's Trojans, who saw their own record sink to 0-3. Calvin Burgess scored two touchdowns for FAMU.

Central 34, Madison 0

Central of Thomasville's Yellow Jackets chalked up their fifth win of the season against the outmanned Cougars from Madison. Coach Ron Peterson's Cougars fell to 1-2 with the loss.

The Top 10 How They Fared

AAA

1. Valdosta (5-0) beat Albany, 48-14; 2. Lakeside (5-0) beat Briarcliff, 51-0; 3. Moultrie (4-0) beat Monroe-Albany, 40-8; 4. R. E. Lee (4-0) beat Forest Park, 35-12; 5. Central-Macon (4-0) beat Southwest-Macon, 16-13; 6. Laney (4-0) did not play; 7. Waycross (5-0) beat Coffee, 32-3; 8. Peachtree (5-0) beat Henderson, 12-10; 9. Warner Robins (4-0) beat Carver-Columbus, 35-0; 10. (tie) Douglas Co. (5-0) beat Sprayberry, 43-20; and South Cobb (5-0) beat R. L. Osborne, 21-6.

AA

1. Southwest-Atlanta (4-0) beat Price, 39-7; 2. Shamrock (4-0) beat Chamblee, 24-0; 3. Statesboro (4-0) beat Clarke Central, 41-14; 4. Russell (3-1) lost to Woodward Academy, 24-6; 5. Southwest-DeKalb (3-1) did not play; 6. Swainsboro (4-0) did not play; 7. (tie) Americus (4-0) beat Cairo, 19-6; and Central-Thomasville (5-0) beat Madison, Fla., 34-0; 9. North Springs (5-0) beat Pebblebrook, 28-0; 10. (tie) West Rome (4-1) beat Cass, 24-0; and Woodward Academy (4-1) beat Russell, 24-6.

A

1. Rockmart (4-0) beat Cedartown, 21-7; 2. St. Pius X (3-1) lost to College Park, 7-3; 3. Washington-Wilkes (6-0) beat Oglethorpe Co., 47-0; 4. Carrollton (5-0) beat Central-Carrollton, 27-2; 5. Irwin Co. (4-0) beat Fitzgerald, 39-14; 6. Bowdon (5-0) beat Haralson Co., 18-0; 7. White Co. (4-1) lost to Commerce, 28-19; 8. Lithonia (5-0) beat Sandy Springs, 21-0; 9. Macon Co. (5-0) beat Pelham, 37-14; 10. Jefferson (5-0) beat Winder-Barrow, 14-3.

B

1. Southeast-Bulloch (5-0) beat Trenton, 71-7; 2. Pacelli (4-0) did not play; 3. Adairsville (4-0) beat Valley Point, 50-0; 4. Hogansville (4-0) beat West Point, 21-0; 5. Buford (4-1) lost to St. Joseph, 36-16; 6. Duluth (3-1) beat Hapeville, 19-7; 7. Armuchee (3-1-1) lost to Trion, 20-6; 8. West Side-Rocky Face (4-0) beat Davis, 24-0; 9. Savannah Country Day (4-1) beat Emanuel Co. Institute, 41-0; 10. St. Joseph (4-1) beat Buford, 36-16.

Scores

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Hardaway 14 **2-AAA** Jordan 8
Richmond Academy 12 **4-AAA** Glenn Hills 7

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Valdosta 48 **1-AAA** Albany 14
Tift Co. 25 Bainbridge 9
Lowndes 7 (tie) Crisp Co. 7
Moultrie 40 Monroe-Albany 8

Spencer 18 **2-AAA** Baker 6
Kendrick 21 Murphy 0
Columbus 21 Northside-WR 12

Glynn Academy 12 **3-AAA** Windsor-Forest 0
Jenkins 22 Groves 14
Wayne Co. 0 (tie) Brunswick 0
Benedictine 14 Tompkins 0
Waycross 32 Coffee 3

Butler 6 **4-AAA** Westside-Aug. 0
Central-Macon 16 Southwest-Macon 13
Elbert Co. 42 Franklin Co. 6

Dalton 0 (tie) **5-AAA** Campbell-Smyrna 0
Cherokee 26 Darlington 0
Douglas Co. 43 Sprayberry 20
Rossville 12 Marietta 7
South Cobb 21 R. L. Osborne 6
Wheeler 30 Wills 0

R. E. Lee 35 **6-AAA** Forest Park 12
Griffin 32 North Clayton 8
LaGrange 35 Newton Co. 0
Newnan 28 Rockdale Co. 14

Avondale 13 **7-AAA** Clarkston 0
Decatur 35 Walker 14
Kendrick 21 Murphy 0

8-AAA

Wildcats Steamroll Past Albany

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

Valdosta's Wildcats combined a balanced attack with some hard hitting and alert defensive play to roll past the Albany Indians, 48-14, in a Region 1-AAA high school football game here Friday night.

A crowd of approximately 9,500 was on hand as coach Charles Greene's 'Cats took the opening kickoff off and marched 45 yards along the ground



Wildcat Receiver Luther Blue (19) Does Some Fancy-Stepping Against Albany's Jimmy Ussery (40)

—Times Staff Photo

son returned a kickoff 94 yards before Berrien was able to run him down.

The Tribes' two TDs came in the second half. In the third period the Indians, who were trailing 20-0 at the time, blocked a Valdosta punt and took over at the VHS 15. Two plays later Jay Dallas scored on a three-yard run.

Then in the final stanza the Tribe, helped along by two 15-yard penalties against Valdosta, moved from their own 37 to paydirt in six plays. The touchdown came on an eight-yard pass from David Hitson to Randy Barto.

Dallas, who picked up 80 yards on 14 carries was Albany's ground attack leader.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Valdosta — Hilton 6-31, O'Neal 2-113, Robt. Daniels 12-73, King 5-5, J. Savage 2-10, B. Berrien 2-4; Albany — David Hitson 6 minus 4, Anderson 6-14, Dallas 14-80, Gardner 2-6, Newsome 1 minus 15, Godwin 2-15.

Passing: Valdosta — Hilton 6-14-206; Albany — David Hitson 7-26-59, Dallas 0-1-0, Dennis Hitson 1-1-30.

Pass Receiving: Valdosta — O'Neal 7-13, Roundtree 3-91, Blue 1-12, Waters 1-81; Albany — Barton 5-66, Dallas 2-23.

Punt Returns: Valdosta — Roundtree 1-3.

Kickoff Returns: Valdosta — Robt. Daniels 2-66, Savage 1-13; Albany — Jackson 3-112, Ussery 1-25, Gardner 1-23.

Defense (Number of Tackles): Valdosta — Sullivan 7, Rowe 6, Ron. Daniels 5, D. Mitchell 5, Wilson 3, Lane 3, D. Williams 3, Richardson 3, Irby 3; Albany — Coleman 7, Fahardt 5, Newsome 5, Jackson 5, Ussery 4, Henderson 4, Isler 4, Sin yard 3, Kendrick 3, Swain 3.

LINEUPS

Valdosta
Ends: Roundtree, Massey, Johnson, Blue, King, Cooper, Holcombe, Rome, J. Berrien, Cobb.

Tackles: Wilbon, Moorehead, Mitchell, Irby, Brantley, W. Johnson, Dodson.

Guards: Hutchens, Register, Christian, Franklin, Sullivan, Ronald Daniels, Sumner, Stevens, Wetherington, Banksion, Scruggs.

Backs: Robert Daniels, Johnson, J. Savage, B. Berrien, O'Neal, Rowe, Williams, Richardson, Lane, Waters, Netter, Hilton, E. Williams, Coachman, P. Savage, Demps, T. Berrien.

Albany
Ends: Hicks, Hobaugh, Henderson, Isler.

Tackles: Kendrick, Swain, Erhardt, Young.

Guards: Robertson, Giddens, Shaw, Coleman.

Centers: Shemwell.

Backs: Jackson, Newsome, Ussery, Godwin, Dallas, Barto, Wheeler, Anderson, Dennis Hitson, David Hitson, Sinyard.

Score by Quarters:
Valdosta 7 13 7 14
Albany 0 0 6 8-14

Scoring: Valdosta — TDs — Robt. Daniels 2 (13 and 4 yd. runs), Roundtree (47 yd. pass from Hilton) Waters 81 yd. pass from Hilton), O'Neal (1 yd. run), Hilton 2 (4 and 1 yd. runs); PATs — Roundtree 1 (placements), Albany — TDs — Dallas (3 yd. run), Barto (8 yd. pass from David Hitson), PATs — Dallas 2 (run).

Another fumble recovery by Ronald Daniels in the V H S end zone halted an Albany scoring threat in the opening stanza and in the second stanza Billy Berrien caught the Indians' Robert Jackson from behind at the VHS six to nip off another Tribe TD threat. Jack-

from there. Then in the final stanza Rowe intercepted an Albany pass and returned it 26 yards to the Indians' 46. The 'Cats again moved from there to paydirt.

Rowe picked up an Albany bobble in the third period and went 20 yards with it to the Albany 11. The 'Cats tallied

back Pat O'Neal got the other on a one-yard run.

For the night Hilton hit on six of 14 tosses for 206 yards. O'Neal was the ground attack leader with 113 yards on 20 tries and Daniels was next in line with 73 yards on a dozen runs. Roundtree was the top receiver with three catches for 91 yards.

The Wildcats' leading tacklers were linebacker Jack Sullivan, with seven; safetymen Gary Rowe, with six and linebacker

Defensive gems set up three of Valdosta's touchdowns. In the second period Roundtree racked up Albany quarterback David Hitson, causing a fumble. Middle guard Gary Irby recovered the pigskin at the Indians' six and VHS went in from there to score.

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covered 81 yards went to split end Tony Waters.

Halfback Robert Daniels accounted for two touchdowns on runs of 13 and four yards. Full-

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STATISTICS		Valdosta	Albany
First Downs	-----	18	10
Yards Rushing	-----	236	96
Yards Passing	-----	206	89
Passes	-----	6-14	8-28
Passes Intc. by	-----	1	0
Fumbles Lost	-----	2	3
Punting	-----	5-24.4	5-31.6
Penalties	-----	10-88	6-30

in nine plays to score. V H S was never in danger of losing the lead after that.

The win was the fifth in a row this season for 'Dosta and the 'Cats have now triumphed in 18 consecutive contests during a span which dates back to the start of the 1971 campaign.

For coach Ferrell Henry's Indians, the loss was their first after three straight triumphs this year.

Valdosta's attack accounted for 236 yards rushing and 206 passing, while VHS' stop'em crew limited the Tribe to just 96 rushing and 89 passing. Those statistic give an indication of how things went in the game.

The Wildcats' junior quarterback Bruce Hilton had a hand in the scoring of four of Valdosta's seven touchdowns. Hilton tallied twice himself, on runs of four and one yard and passed for a pair of TDs. One of his scoring aerials went 47 yards to halfback George Roundtree and the other which

New Scoreboard, Wildcat Added

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

A new scoreboard and a nine-foot high Wildcat have been added to Valdosta High's Cleveland Field here.

City schools athletic director Wright Bazemore said a new scoreboard "twice as big as the previous one," has been donated to the stadium by the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company here and is to be ready for tonight's 8 o'clock VHS-Albany High football game Cleveland Field.

In addition, Bazemore said a nine-foot tall paper mache Wildcats, created by VHS art classes, has been placed on the roof of the press box of the 10,000-seat stadium.

Kicks		Punt Returns		Kick-off Returns	
Player	Yds.	Player	Yds.	Player	Yds.
1. Hilton, Valdosta	14	1. Kenbo, W.V.ille	13	1. Dixon, Crisp Co.	8
2. McMillan, T.H. Co.	0	2. Rome, Valdosta	10	2. Flanders, Bainbridge	7
3. Heran, Crisp Co.	18	3. Covin, Dougherty	1	3. L. Johnson, Lowndes	7
4. Shaw, Bainbridge	15	4. Dixon, Crisp County	2	4. Rome, Valdosta	5
5. Patrick, Lowndes	12	5. Flanders, Bainbridge	7	5. M. Green, Dougherty	6
Kicks		Punt Returns		Kick-off Returns	
1. Hammoek, Moultrie	1	1. Hilton, Valdosta	14	1. Dixon, Crisp Co.	8
2. Kenbo, Thomasville	3	2. McMillan, T.H. Co.	0	2. Flanders, Bainbridge	7
3. Semons, Lowndes	2	3. Heran, Crisp Co.	18	3. L. Johnson, Lowndes	7
4. Kirtsey, Thomasville	1	4. Shaw, Bainbridge	15	4. Rome, Valdosta	5
5. Thomas, Lowndes	2	5. Patrick, Lowndes	12	5. M. Green, Dougherty	6
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Stamford Rome of Valdosta has the pass receiving lead for the fourth consecutive week. Pacing 1-AAA rushers is Thomasville's William Andrews with a net of 391 yards in four games, followed by Chip Thomas of Bainbridge with 301 yards in four contests.

High's Bruce Hilton used a 234-yard passing night last week to solidify his lead in the Region 1-AAA passing race. So far this season, Hilton has hit on 27 of 58 passes for 577 yards and six touchdowns. Right behind the Wildcat passer, however, is Ronald Reddick of Monroe, with 38 completions in 82 attempts for 515 yards and three scores.

Pair Of

Wildcats

Leading

COLUMBUS — Valdosta

Vikes, 'Cats In Loop Wars

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats and Lowndes' Vikings will both be tackling Region 1-AAA high school football foes tonight, but the games they will take part in will be located about 100 miles apart.

Coach Charles Greene's Cats are to go against coach Ferrell Henry's Albany Indians in a game set to begin at 8 o'clock here tonight at Cleveland Field.

Meanwhile, coach Noel George's Vikes will be at Cordele for an encounter with coach Tom Avret's Crisp County Cougars.

In other games tonight involving area teams, Worth County (Sylvester) will be at Brooks County (Quitman), Clinch County (Homerville) at Atkinson County (Pearson), Florida A & M Teaching School (Tallahassee) at Hamilton County (Jasper) and Thomasville Central at Madison.

Two other area teams, Ber-

rien (Nashville, Ga.) and Cook (Adel), have open dates and will be idle this weekend.

Valdosta's Wildcats have won four games in a row this season and 17 straight over a two-season span. They will be risking that tonight against a band of Albany Indians who have clicked off three straight wins this year.

Lowndes' Vikings will carry a 1-2 overall record and an 0-2 region mark into its game with Crisp. The Cougars are 1-3 after four region starts.

Brooks' Trojans have a 2-0 record and Worth's Rams own an 0-3 chart as they get ready to meet tonight at Quitman. It will be the first league test of the season for coach Bobby Rich's home-standing Trojans.

Coach Cecil Dunn's Clinch Panthers, who have a 1-2-1 mark, will be meeting Atkinson's Rebels for the second time this season. Their first contest ended in an 8-8 tie, and another close game is expected tonight at Pearson.

Hamilton's Trojans, who are coached by Carl Duncan, will be trying to snap a two-game losing skid when they host the FAMU Teaching Sched team tonight at Jasper.

Coach Ron Peterson's Madison Cougars have a 1-1 record and the Thomasville Central Yellow Jackets they are to meet are riding the crest of a four-game victory streak. This duel between cross-state rivals won't count in the leading standings.

Valdosta's Ahead Of the Packers In Triple-A Poll

By The Associated Press

Statesboro vaulted to the No. 1 spot in Class AA in this week's Associated Press Georgia high school football poll after the Blue Devils engineered a 41-14 victory over Class AAA's Clarke Central of Athens.

The top teams in Class AAA remained virtually the same. The Valdosta Wildcats held on to their No. 1 slot, followed by Moultrie in second and Lakeside in third. Warner Robins remained in fourth and R. E. Lee was fifth.

In AAA balloting, Valdosta landed four first place votes, Moultrie's Packers and Lakeside had two each.

Southwest Atlanta dropped to the second spot in AA despite a 39-7 bombing of Price. Shamrock slipped a notch to third, Americus remained at fourth and West Rome advanced to fifth.

In Class A, St. Pius dropped from the top spot to seventh, suffering from a 7-3 loss to College Park. Carrollton took over the No. 1 position after blistering Central Carrollton, 27-2.

Washington-Wilkes, which shut out Oglethorpe County, 47-0, advanced to second place, Rockmart moved up to third, Irwin County took fourth and Lithonia claimed the fifth position.

Rockmart, Carrollton, and Washington-Wilkes each got two first place votes in Class A. Irwin County and Lithonia picked up one each.

Statesboro landed five first place votes in Class AA. Shamrock received two and Americus got one.

Here are the complete Associated Press rankings by classes:
 AAA—Valdosta, Moultrie, Lakeside, Warner Robins, R. E. Lee, Laney, Peachtree, Macon Central, South Cobb, Thomasville.
 AA—Statesboro, Southwest Atlanta, Shamrock, Americus, West Rome, Woodward Academy, Thomasville Central, Gainesville, Southwest DeKalb, North Springs and Swainsboro, tied.
 A—Carrollton, Washington-Wilkes, Rockmart, Irwin County, Lithonia, Bowdon, St. Pius, Jefferson, Commerce, Macon County.

Powerful Packers Next For 'Dosta

Valdosta High's football Wildcats broke in a new electric scoreboard at Cleveland Field in fine style here this past Friday night.

The 'Cats romped to a 48-14 victory over the Albany



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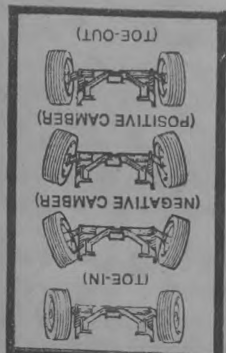
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FRONT END ALIGNMENT



Valdosta Might Get Burnt, Moultrie Coach Warns

By BOB PRICE
Times-Union Sports Writer

"Sure everyone around town is talking Valdosta, but our kids know they'd better be ready Friday night or they'll get burnt by Crisp," said Moultrie's Bud Willis on tonight's Region 1-AAA contest which finds the Packers traveling to Cordele.

Moultrie, which is 4-0 for the season and runnerup to unbeaten 5-0 Valdosta, takes on Valdosta in what has been billed as the "game of the year" next Friday.

Eddie Walker picked up 177 yards in 20 carries for Crisp last week, and jumped from 21st in the rushing ranks of 1-AAA to fifth. Walker has gained 302 yards in 44 carries, and Eddie Milford has 197 in 40.

Tonight's test could turn into a battle of Walkers as Moultrie's top rusher is Frank Walker, who has picked up 201 yards in 39 carries. And the Packers also will lean on Simeon Marks, who ran for 101 yards in 11 tries last week and has 148 yards for the

year. John Barber is another potent Packer with 133 yards in 27 carries.

Ray Goff is Moultrie's arm, having hit eight of 11 passes for 104 yards last week and owns a four-game total of 438 yards. Crisp divides its throwing game between David Roobin, who has 15 of 34 for 169 yards and Ray Matthews with 14 of 53 for 159.

Waycross at Brunswick: This Region 3-AAA Division B clash pits surprising Waycross (5-0) against winless, but once tied Brunswick High. "Brunswick has plenty of potential, they've just had trouble getting things together. They're especially tough at home," said Bulldog Coach Dale Williams.

Westover at Central Thom-
asville: Billy Joe Copeland

and company eye No. 6, which would assure the Hornets of their first winning season in several years. Copeland heads Central's passing game, and he'll be looking to Noel Swain, Jerry Jackson and Jody Lewis for running aid.

Irwin County at Charlton County: This could be a showdown for the Region 2-AA East title. Coach Kenny Whiddon's Indians have come along fast the past few weeks and with Jimbo Mincey leading the way at quarterback could spring a surprise at the unbeaten visitors. Fullback Larry Smith and Tailback Timothy Brown are Charlton's running sparks.

Tonight's schedule with predicted winners in capital letters:
WAYCROSS at Brunswick
MOULTRIE at Crisp
Westover at CENTRAL THOMASVILLE

Appling at CAMDEN
Savannah Beach at JESUP
Dougherty at THOMASVILLE
ALBANY at Bainbridge
BRANTLEY at Atkinson
JEFF DAVIS at Bacon County
Berrien at BLACKSHEAR
BRADWELL at Ware County
Early County at BROOKS
CAIRO at Worth
IRWIN at Charlton
Cook at FITZGERALD
Tift at LOWNES

10-D The Atlanta Journal

PREP FOOTBALL

Unbeatens Get Together

By DAVID DAVIDSON

Six high school football games will be played Friday night involving unbeaten, untied teams, four of which could have direct championship connotations.

In Region 5-AAA, South Cobb High of Austell entertains Rossville. South Cobb is 5-0 and tied for 10th place in The Journal's prep football AAA rating, while Rossville is 4-0 and unranked. The winner, however, still must face unbeaten Douglas Co. (4-0) before making any claim to the 5-AAA title.

In Region 6-AAA, unranked but unbeaten Newnan (4-0) calls on fourth-ranked R. E. Lee (4-0) in Thomaston. The winner of that game faces only Griffin as a possible barrier to the 6-AAA championship.

In subregion 5-A North, No. 1 ranked Rockmart (4-0) visits No. 4 Bowdon (5-0). Model (3-2) appears to be the only team which could seriously challenge the Bowdon-Rockmart winner for the 5-A championship.

IN REGION 5-B, Pacelli, No. 2 in the Class B rating with a 4-0 record, visits Hogansville, ranked No. 4 with a 4-0 record. Hogansville, however, has scored 98 points while yielding only 12, and may be considered the favorite Friday night.

Two other games involving undefeateds will not have any direct championship influence. In Region 4-AA, Shamrock calls on North Springs in an interdivision battle. Shamrock is 4-0, ranks second in Class AA and has outscored its opposition 110-6, while North Springs is 5-0, ranks fifth in Class AA and has outpointed its opposition 129-30.

Also, Briarwood (4-0 and unranked) of Region 6-A calls on Cherokee (4-0), one of the surprise teams in Region 5-AAA. Cherokee, however, plays a nonregion schedule and might be rated a slight underdog against Briarwood.



David Davidson

Of the 318 football-playing schools in Georgia, 49 are unbeaten.

Lakeside No. 2 in Class AAA is leading that classification in scored with 181 points while giving up only 21. Valdosta is second with 169 points and has given up 56.

IN CLASS AA, No. 1 ranked Southwest of Atlanta is outscoring its opposition at the incredible rate of 154-10.

Central High of Thomasville, tied for fourth place in Class AA, is 5-0 and holds a 156-12 point lead over opposing teams.

In Class A, No. 2 Washington-Wilkes is 6-0 and has scored 203 points while allowing only 15, No. 4 Irwin Co. is 4-0 and has scored 148 while yielding only 14, No. 7 Macon Co. is 4-0 and leads the opposition 137-14 and No. 6 Lithonia is 5-0 and holds a 111-20 edge in scoring.

Unranked Putnam Co. (4-0) leads Class A in defense with only seven points allowed, and No. 3 Carrollton is second having given up only eight.

Adairsville, No. 3 in Class B, leads all teams in all classifications with 231 points scored and has given up 26, while No. 1 ranked Southeast Bulloch has scored 201 and given up only 7. Both teams are 5-0.

The 49 Unbeaten Teams

AAA
1—Moultrie (4-0), Valdosta (5-0); 2—Warner Robins (4-0); 3—Waycross (5-0); 4—Central-Macon (4-0), Laney (4-0); 5—Cherokee (4-0), Dougherty Co. (4-0), Rossville (4-0), South Cobb (5-0); 6—Griffin (3-0-1), Newnan (4-0), R. E. Lee (4-0); 7—None; 8—Lakeside (5-0), Peachtree (5-0).

AA
1—Camden Co. (3-0-1), Americus (5-0), Central-Thomasville (5-0), Early Co. (4-0); 2—Statesboro (4-0), Swainsboro (4-0); 3—Troup (4-0); 4—Shamrock (4-0), North Springs (5-0); 5—Southwest-Atlanta (4-0); 6—None; 7—None; 8—Berkmar (3-0-1).

A
1—Macon Co. (4-0), Seminole Co. (4-0); 2—Irwin Co. (4-0); 3—Cochran (5-0), Wilkinson Co. (4-0); 4—None; 5—Bowdon (5-0), Rockmart (4-0), Carrollton (5-0); 6—Lithonia (5-0), Briarwood (4-0); 7—Louisville (4-0), Morgan Co., Putnam Co. (4-0), Washington-Wilkes (6-0); 8—Commerce (4-0), East Hall (4-0), Jefferson (5-0), Murray Co. (5-0).

B
1—None; 2—None; 3—Southeast Bulloch (5-0); 4—None; 5—Hogansville (4-0), Pacelli (4-0); 6—None; 7—None; 8—Adairsville (5-0), West Side-Rocky Face (4-0); 9—None; 10—None.

Wildcats Keeping Eye On Moultrie

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

While Valdosta's Wildcats do some anxious waiting, other high school football teams in the area will be seeing action this weekend.

C o a c h Charles Greene's 'Cats, who are atop the Region 1-AAA standings with a 5-

AREA GRID SLATE

Friday
Tift at Lowndes
Berrien at Blakeshear
Early at Brooks
Cook at Fitzgerald
Madison at Jax Bolles
Valdosta-open date
Saturday
Clinch at ECI

0 record, have an open date this week and will be ideal.

The 'Cats, however, will be keeping an eye on coach Bud Willis' Moultrie Packers. The Pack, with a 4-0 chart, is second in the 1-AAA standings.

Moultrie will be going against Crisp County's Cougars. The Packers are heavily favored and are almost certain to beat the Cougars, boost their record to 5-0 and pull into a tie for first place with VHS in the 1-AAA race.

That means undisputed possession of first place should be at stake when the 'Cats and Packers clash on Oct. 13 at Moultrie.

Meanwhile, seven games involving area teams are on tap for this weekend.

In games Friday, Tift County (Tifton) is at Lowndes, Berrien (Nashville, Ga.) Blakeshear, Early County (Blakely) at Brooks County (Quitman), Cook (Adel) at Fitzgerald, Newberry at Hamilton County (Jasper) and Madison at Bolles (Jacksonville).

In a Saturday outing, Clinch

County (Homerville) will be at Emanuel County Institute (Twin City).

Berrien's Rebels, who are 2-2 for the season and 2-1 in league play, will clash with Blakeshear's Tigers in a Region 2-1 affair. Blakeshear is 2-2 for the year, but bowed in its only league start.

Brooks' Trojans and Early's powerful Bobcats will be meeting in a 1-AA (West) test at Quitman. The Trojans are 3-2 for the season and 1-0 in league play. Blakely is unbeaten after four starts. Included in the string is one sub-region triumph.

Cook's Hornets and Fitzgerald's Purple Hurricanes will both be getting their first taste of Region 1-AA (East) action

when they tangle at Fitzgerald. The two teams have matching 1-3 records.

Hamilton's Trojans will be trying to put the brakes on a three-game losing skid when they host Newberry's Panthers, who own a 1-2 chart.

Madison's Cougars and Bolles' Bulldogs will carry matching 1-2 records into their contest at Jacksonville.

Clinch County's Panthers, off to their best start since 1969, will take a 2-2-1 record with them when they go to Twin City on Saturday night to face ECI's Bulldogs, who are winless after four starts.

Since the Panthers belong to Region 2-B and ECI campaigns in 3-B, there won't be any league honors at stake.

Pinevale, VHS 'B' Teams Set For Friday Tilt

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta High Pinevale Campus and VHS "B" teams are to meet in a football game here Friday night at Cleveland Field. The kickoff is slated for 8 p. m.

Since VHS' varsity Wildcats have an open date, the Pinevale - Bees contest is the only grid contest involving Valdosta players on tap this weekend.

The Pinevale Campus team has a 2-1 mark, while the VHS Bees own a 1-2 chart.

The game is being sponsored by VHS' Marchin' 'Cats Band. Admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

Proceeds from the game and concession sales will be used to help pay the Marchin' 'Cats expenses when they travel to Miami on Dec. 15 to participate in that city's Winter - National Contest.

Both the VHS Marchin' 'Cats and Valdosta Junior High Marchin' Tomcats bands will be on hand at the game here Friday night to provide musical entertainment.

Preps Top 10

AAA

1. Moultrie (5-0) beat Crisp Co., 42-14.
2. Lakeside (6-0) beat Clarke Ctn., 41-8.
3. Valdosta (5-0) had open week.
4. R. E. Lee (4-1) lost to Newnan, 23-7.
5. (tie) Peachtree (5-0) had open week. South Cobb (5-1) lost to Rossville, 20-14.
7. (tie) Douglas Co. (5-0) beat R. L. Osborne, 46-12. Warner Robins (5-0) beat Columbus, 22-14.
9. Laney (5-0) beat Glenn Hills, 26-8.
10. (tie) Newnan (5-0) beat R. E. Lee, 23-7. Sequoyah (4-1) had open week. Waycross (6-0) beat Brunswick, 14-0.

AA

1. Shamrock (4-1) lost to North Springs, 9-2.
2. Southwest (5-0) beat Grady, 27-3.
3. Woodward (4-1) had open week.
4. Gainesville (5-1) beat Habersham Ctn., 31-0.
5. North Springs (5-0) beat Shamrock, 9-2.
6. Americus (5-0) had open week.
7. Statesboro (5-0) beat Evans, 50-9.
8. West Rome (5-1) beat Cedartown, 34-7.
9. Ctn., Thomasville (6-0) beat Westover, 14-6.
10. (tie) Southwest DeKalb (4-1) beat Riverwood, 40-2. Troup (5-0) beat Russell, 15-7.

A

1. Rockmart (5-0) beat Bowdon, 7-6.
2. Carrollton (5-1) lost to East Rome, 28-18.
3. (tie) Bowdon (5-1) lost to Rockmart, 7-6. Washington-Wilkes (7-0) beat Greene Co., 31-0.
5. Jefferson (6-0) beat Pickens, 12-0.
6. (tie) Lithonia (6-0) beat Lovett, 35-14. St. Pius (4-1) beat Stone Mountain, 26-0.
8. (tie) Commerce (5-0) beat Lumpkin Co., 47-3. Irwin Co. (5-0) beat Charlton Co., 27-0.
10. (tie) Cartersville (4-1) beat Murray Co., 10-9. Cochran (5-1) lost to Monticello, 24-23. White Co., (4-1) beat North Hall, 34-0.

B

1. Southeast Bulloch (6-0) beat Sav. Co. Day, 31-7.
2. Pacelli (4-1) lost to Hogansville, 10-9.
3. Adairsville (6-0) beat Armuchee, 37-6.
4. (tie) Montgomery Co. (4-1) beat Wadley, 35-0. Hogansville (6-0) beat Pacelli, 10-7.
6. (tie) St. Joseph (3-1) tied Lumpkin Co., 7-7. Westside, R. F. (4-1) lost to Valley Point, 30-20.
8. (tie) Duluth (3-2) lost to Bekmar, 16-14. Sav. Co. Day (3-2) lost to SE Bulloch, 51-7.
10. (tie) Buford (5-1) beat Banks Co., 40-6. Palmetto (4-1) beat East Coweta, 25-0.

Wildcats, Pack

'Neck-And-Neck'

It comes as a surprise to no one that Valdosta's Wildcats and Moultrie's Packers will both put undefeated records on the line when they clash this coming Friday night at Moultrie.

Coach Charles Greene's Wildcats, after five straight Region 1-AAA wins, had an open date last week and was idle. Meanwhile, coach Bud Willis' Moultrie Packers, as expected, polished off Crisp County, 42-14. That also boosted their record to 5-0.



SAMMY GLASSMAN

They're running neck - and-neck anyway you want to figure things.

Now consider one more fact. Valdosta and Moultrie are traditional rivals. Their football series is one of the oldest in the state, and down through the years they have played in what must be called high school gridiron classics.

It means that Moultrie stadium, which with added bleacher seats will have sitting places for about 11,000 fans, is going to be full and overflowing.

While it is only mid - way of the prep campaign, there will definitely be championship overtones when the Wildcats and Packers collide on Friday night.

So there they are, VHS and MHS sharing first place in 1-AAA. The fact is they are the only two members of the 10-team region to make it this far without a loss.

While the winner of next Friday's game won't nail down the loop championship, it will take a big step toward the region throneroom.

Adding statewide interest to the contest is the fact that Valdosta and Moultrie have been rated in the two top spots on the Associated Press high school poll since the season began. Last week's chart had 'Dosta in the number one position and Moultrie in the number two position. They just might trade places when this week's list comes out.

They're running neck - and-

Turning Point

Now let's take a look at some comments by Times staff writer Tom Steadman about the Lowndes-Tift County game.

There was a definite turning point in Friday night's Lowndes-Tift County contest, won by Tift, 33-14. It came when Lowndes kicker Harris Patrick teed up the football for the second half kickoff.

Seriously, the Vikings, who played ruggedly but erratically in the first half, didn't play at all after intermission.

For instance, halfback Larry Johnson picked up 73 yards on six carries in the first half alone. For the entire game, he picked up 75 yards on nine carries.

Bryant And Company

Though the Lowndes squad might have taken things a little too easy with only a 14-6 halftime lead, methinks Mr. Theophilis Bryant and company had something to do with their downfall.

Bryant, a 6-1, 235-pound middle linebacker, made life miserable for Vikings ball handler and blockers all night long, while making nine individual tackles and assisting on a few hundred others.

The man - mountain, who undoubtedly covers more territory than any high school linebacker of equal hitting ability that I've ever seen, went on to intercept a Viking pass, showing he's no slouch on any defensive maneuver.

An outstanding individual effort was handed in by Viking linebacker Glenn Bryan, however. Listed at 160 pounds, but playing at somewhat less, Bryan had 11 individual stops in the Tift contest.

Once again, fumbles and mistakes hurt Lowndes. What's more, the second - half breakdown of their potent running attack, spelled their downfall — to the tune of 33-14.

VHS Senior Named Winner Of Elks Leadership Award

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

A Valdosta High School senior has been named recipient of the state Elks Lodge leadership award.

Mark Eanes, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Eanes of 55 Loganberry Cir., sponsored by the Valdosta Elks Lodge, is to represent Georgia in the national contest.

His credentials are impressive. Actually, they fill a book, and this is what won Mark the honor he received.

Mark, a native of Greenwood, Miss., has lived here 11 years.

His father is district manager for the Social Security Administration.

A part-time job in the afternoons at the Winn-Dixie store at Five Points has not kept Mark from a well-rounded civic and social schedule.



MARK EANES
To Represent State

He is editor of his school's yearbook, chaplain of the student council, vice president of the Beta Club, reporter for the Distributive Education Club and is on the steering committee of the Drug Preventive Council.

In his work with the drug council, Mark, along with other students, visits various schools, giving talks on the dangers of drug abuse and offering alternatives to students.

Various programs are scheduled at area schools by Mark and his fellow volunteer workers in the fight against drug abuse.

Active in Boy Scout work, he is junior assistant scout-master of the troop at First Baptist Church.

He is a member of St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church. He is the youth representative on the Parish Council.

Jamboree Is Set

Another former Valdosta Wildcat, Mike McMillan, who graduated from VHS in 1968, has been given a first-year award for his work in the Northwood Institute football program at Cedar Hills, Tex., this year.

The Georgia High School Association's new ruling on pre-season football jamborees whereby any high school may participate in a spring football action against another team for one quarter has met with approval.

Valdosta's Wildcats, Lowndes' Vikings and Thomasville's Bulldogs are scheduled to meet in 12-minute quarters against each other Mar. 31 at Cleveland Field.

According to GHSA rules, a team may play another for only one quarter and may not use more than 24 minutes of playing time. But the schools may decide how many quarters of play they divide that into and among how many teams.

Meanwhile traditional rivals Cook's Hornets from Adel, and Brooks County's Trojans from Quitman would like to set up a jamboree of their own but cannot find a third team to complete the field according to Cook's Bobby Phillips.

'71 'Cats Honored

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Frank Broyles, Bobby Dodd and Maxie Baughn, all kings in the college football world, are scheduled to be among the VIPs tonight at the Valdosta Touch-down Club's annual football banquet, honoring the 1971 Valdosta Wildcats.

Broyles, the Arkansas head coach who has led the Razorbacks to a 117-40-3 record, was formerly an assistant coach under Dodd while Dodd was head coach at Georgia Tech.

Now Tech athletic director, Dodd is to be accompanied by newly named assistant Tech coach Maxie Baughn, former standout for the Los Angeles Rams and Washington Redskins.

Trophies to be presented to Wildcat team members include most improved, super skinner, sportsmanship, spirit of the

Wildcats, best offensive lineman, best defensive lineman, best offensive back, best defensive back, most loyal, most aggressive, scholastic awards, most versatile, most outstanding, and most valuable.

Besides that, the entire team is to be presented with the National Sports News Service's "Number One Team in the Nation" trophy.

The banquet is scheduled to begin at 6 p. m. in the Mathis City Auditorium followed by the program at 8 p. m. Team members, coaches, cheerleaders and TD club members are invited at the club's expense but any member who wishes to bring his wife must pay an additional \$3, according to president Bobby Green.

He added anyone else wishing to attend the banquet may do so by paying their \$10 yearly club dues at the door.

Wildcats Play Tide Tonight

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kentucky, which dropped out of first place in the Southeastern Conference basketball standings for a few hours during the weekend, meets Alabama tonight — the team that put the Wildcats back on top.

Kentucky had lost to Louisiana State 88-71 Saturday and second-place Tennessee had scooted into first place by virtue of the Wildcat defeat.

Shortly, however, C. M. Newton's Crimson Tide knocked Tennessee back into the runner-up spot with a 72-67 upset in overtime.

The scramble left Kentucky with a 12-3 conference mark, Tennessee at 11-3 and Alabama, climbing back into the title race, at 9-4.

The Volunteers, a half-game behind Kentucky, travel to LSU tonight with a score to settle. The Tigers whipped Tennessee earlier this year in Knoxville.

Kentucky ventures into Alabama's home court where the Tide is unbeaten in 10 home battles this year.

In other SEC games, Mississippi visits Florida and Mississippi State is at Georgia. Auburn and Vanderbilt are idle.

In the independent ranks, Georgia Tech is at Tulane, Houston at Jacksonville and Florida State at Biscayne.

In other decisions during the weekend, Florida bounced Mississippi State 88-80, Georgia trimmed Mississippi 79-69 and Vanderbilt knocked off Auburn 93-87.



-Times Staff Photo

Mrs. Wisenbaker, Miss Espinosa: Treat Students Fair, Work Them Hard

Valdosta STARS

It's Application

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Mildred Wisenbaker got Margaret Espinosa interested in academic studies besides math and science. That's why the pretty Valdosta High School senior selected the history instructor as her STAR teacher.

The 1972 winner of the Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition program, Miss Espinosa said Mrs. Wisenbaker broadened her outlook.

"She taught me how to study and apply myself," said the STAR student. "She stressed the importance of keeping up with things that happened during the day."

Miss Espinosa was named the system STAR student on the

basis of her 1,300 score on the College Board Scholastic Aptitude Tests and her first semester average this year. The STAR student picks the teacher she feels has done the most for her academic success.

The local STAR program is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. The statewide effort is a Chamber of Commerce project. Local winners compete for district honors in March.

This is the first time Mrs. Wisenbaker has been named a STAR teacher. A native of Waycross, she has been teaching 20 years. She and her husband, William, live at Lake Park. They have three children and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Wisenbaker, head of the social studies department at VHS, is a graduate of Valdosta State College and is a candidate for the master's degree there this June.

She believes in treating her students fair and "working them hard."

"I try to get them to think for themselves," said Mrs. Wisenbaker. "I like the independent study. I think this is the only thing for the honors classes."

About Miss Espinosa, Mrs. Wisenbaker said the student is everything a good pupil should be.

"She has such a good outlook on life, her attitude is marvelous and she is a sweet person. It's a pleasure to teach and learn from her," said the history instructor.

A native of Biloxi, Miss Espinosa has lived here six years. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Prudencio Espinosa of 2406 Berkley Drive.

She is a finalist in the 1972 National Merit Scholarship Program. Merit winners are selected on the basis of their high scores on the Merit tests.

The 17-year-old student is a member of the yearbook staff, the Beta Club and is secretary of the Future Teachers of America chapter.

She is the winner of the 1972 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow award at VHS.

Miss Espinosa plans to go into medical technology when she enters a university this fall.

She said she's been accepted into the Honors Program at the University of Georgia at Athens and named one of the 100 Freshmen Scholars.

Two From VHS DE Named District Students Of Year

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Two Valdosta High School Distributive Education Club members have won the district students of the year awards.

Ron Butler and Sherri Teffeteller took the boy and girl of the year honors at the annual district DE competition Saturday on the VHS campus.

The VHS club placed in 17 of the 18 contests while Lowndes High School here placed in 10 events.

Miss Teffeteller and Butler are to compete for state honors along with the other first place winners in Atlanta March 19-21. The top winners there go to the national DE conference in Los Angeles, Calif., May 3-6.

Miss Teffeteller is also the state winner in the Elks Youth Leadership Contest.

Butler also won first in the

speech contest while Miss Teffeteller took the top award in the display event.

Sponsored by the Valdosta DE Alumni Association, the district meet drew participants from VHS, Lowndes High, Brooks County High, Waycross High, Wayne County High, Brunswick High, Tompkins High at Savannah, Savannah High and Glynn Academy.

The judging on the manuals in creative marketing was done earlier last week but the winners were not announced until Saturday along with those who placed in the students of the year contest, math, spelling, job interview, sales, speech and speaker's bureau events.

Dana Harrell of Wayne County High was elected district DE chairman to succeed Robert Orr of VHS to the one year post.

Other students who placed include:

Math — Dianne Herth of Wayne County High, first; Don Ewing of Waycross High, second; Billy Gilliland of VHS, third, and Tommy Parrish of Lowndes High, fourth.

Spelling — Sharon Yarberry of Waycross High, first; Venice Minton of Lowndes High, second, and Ann Ussery of VHS, third; sales demonstration — Liz Fountain of Lowndes High, first.

Job Interview — Debbie Johnston of VHS, first; food industry — Judy Rogers of Lowndes High and Nancy Parrish of VHS, tie for first; automotive petroleum industry — Bruce Kennedy of Lowndes

High, first, and Margie Dasher of VHS, second.

Department store — David Lloyd of Lowndes High, first, and JoLynn LeFiles of VHS, second; speciality shop — Daniel Parker of Lowndes High, first, and Brenda Ward of VHS, second.

Variety stores — Betty Sue Nichols of Wayne County, Liz Fountain and Ann Ussery of VHS, tie for first.

Service Industry — Steve Adams of Lowndes High, first, and Ron Butler of VHS, second; home furnishings — Sheryl Williams of Lowndes High, first, and Sherri Teffeteller of VHS, second.

Merchandising information manual — Helois Ryles of Brooks County, first, and Debbie Johnston of VHS, second; area of distribution manual — Pam Stalvey of Lowndes High, first, and Penny Welch of VHS, second.

Prep Football Starts Over

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The snap, crackle and thud of high school football returns to the city this week as Valdosta's Wildcats and Lowndes' Vikings don the pads and start hitting Wednesday afternoon.

Both squads have been working out regularly with weights and running, and plan to end their four-week session of spring drills by taking part in the three-team jamboree with Thomasville's Bulldogs March 31.

Coach Charles Green became the envy of many prep coaches in the state when he took the helm of Valdosta's Wildcats after coach Wright Bazemore stepped down to devote full time to his city school system athletic director position.

The 'Cats are the defending State Class AAA Champions besides being the 1971 National Champions according to Art Johlfs' National Sports News Service.

But Green feels he has his work cut out for him in replacing the offensive line and the man who shattered region passing and total offense records for the 'Cats the past two seasons, Stanley Bounds.

"We'll start out working on fundamentals some more," said Green, who expects more than 120 out for the drills. "We've been working on our passing and patterns in shorts for a while.

"One thing we're really going to need to take up as soon as we get into pads is pass blocking. We have to replace most of the offensive line."

Among those Green mentioned who'll be missing due to graduation next year are

Paul Demersseman, Calvin Lester, Sidney Earnest, Bobby Joseph, Paul Love, and Scott Griffin. The only returners with starting experience here are Wade Johnson (195, jr.) and David Register (190, jr.).

On defense Green will have to find replacements for cornerbacks Dick Parker and Edwin Pompey, ends David Berrian and Alvin Payton, linebacker Jim Clarkston, safety O. D. Netter, and all-American tackle Steve Stanaland.

In the backfield, besides missing Bounds, the all-American quarterback who set the records for Region 1-AAA in passing and total offense his junior and senior years and had a hand in 53 touchdowns during

the 1971 season, the 'Cats must replace Louis Goodin, Clifford Bradley, and fullback Robert McCaskill.

"We've been practicing the last two weeks in shorts," Green noted, "doing some running, passing, punting, and so on. But starting Wednesday, we'll start practicing in pads about 3:30 p. m. and last until 5:30 or 6 p. m."

The 'Cats practice in four teams. The first offense and second defense are the "go team" or "Cats" followed by the head hunters, second offense and first defense. The third offense and fourth defense compose the Skinners while the "Piney Woods Rooters" include

the third defense and fourth offensive teams.

A scrimmage game under the lights at Cleveland field is scheduled March 17, with the traditional Has Been - Will Be game March 24.

Coach Noel George, beginning his third year at the helm of the Lowndes gridders, must look for two things when his 130 Vikings take to the field Wednesday — an entire offensive backfield, and the reason for the many mistakes that left his Vikes with a 4-6 record last season.

Leading the list of non-returners include quarterback Willie Linahan, fullbacks Scott Metts and Sammy Harris, and running backs Stan Cowart and Jim Williams.

Missing in the defensive backfield and ends are Bruce Barnes, Gene Henderson, Darrell Montgomery, Elbert Daniels, Richard Creel, Abe Clemmons, and Eddie Williams.

And graduates on the line include Nathaniel Corbett, Robert Seither, William Thompson, Jerry Harnage, and Butch Reese.

But George isn't all pessimistic about his team's chances. They've been working out on the new weight machine since the end of the football season and he feels the new equipment has put them in better shape to begin practice than any previous Lowndes team.

"We're going to try our best to correct a lot of mistakes," he said. "We fumbled a lot last year, and we had a lot of passes intercepted.

The Viking practice times are the same as Valdosta's but they plan an intra-squad game March 24 or 25.

'Bazemore Night' Slated

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Efforts by Valdosta Touchdown Club officials, trying to organize a fairwell program for Valdosta Wildcat coach Wright Bazemore haven't been anywhere as successful as the man they're designed to honor.

TD Club officials originally planned to have a host of political diplomats and college coaches but have found the time most convenient for them didn't match the schedule of the people they invited.

But the program for the man who coached the Wildcats to a 290-43-6 record and 15 state championships during the past 30 years before stepping down to devote full time to the city school system's athletic director posi-

tion is still planned for Thursday night.

George Smith, newly elected president of the club, announced "Wright Bazemore Night" is scheduled to begin at 8 p. m. at the Mathis City auditorium. It's open to the public and is to be run on a "first-come-first-seated basis."

Bazemore is traditionally recognized at the end of the last game, along with his coaching staff and band director Frank Butenschon. But since he was planning to leave the coaching ranks, the TD club decided to wait until later.

Among those expected to attend are more than 50 former players under Bazemore who are traveling in from all over the country for the night.

Valdosta Student To Present Music Recital At Troy State

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

A Valdosta student at Troy State (Ala.) University, Michael Chapman, is to give his senior music recital Tuesday.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Chapman of Valdosta, He is a 1968 graduate of Valdosta High School, where he was drum major of the Marchin' Cats band.

His recital on the saxophone is scheduled

at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday at Smith Hall auditorium on the Troy campus. Among numbers to be featured are "An Aria," by Eugene Bozza, and the "Saxo Rhapsody," by Eric Coates.

Thomas Paul Deuley of Valdosta is among 610 candidates for winter quarter graduation at Auburn (Ala.) University. Commencement exercises are scheduled March 16.

'Cats, Baze To Reap More Honors

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High School's 1971 Wildcat football team and coach Wright Bazemore are to reap more honors to add to their already monumental pile of awards at a father-sons banquet Tuesday.

According to William B. Sirmans, program chairman for the Valdosta Day Lions Club, the dinner is to be highlighted by the appearance of Spike Jones, a member of the Buffalo Bills football team.

Jones, a University of Georgia graduate, is a former member of the Houston Oilers football team and was on the college all-star team which placed the Kansas City Chiefs in 1970.

Sirmans said special citations are to be presented to the same Wildcat football team members who received awards at the Valdosta High School Touchdown Club banquet held recently.

He added a special award was to be presented to Bazemore but because of a proposed "Bazemore Day" to be declared by the state legislature, the super successful VHS coach might not be able to attend the banquet.

"He is supposed to be in Atlanta sometime near the date of the banquet and we are just hoping he is going to be able to make it here," Sirmans said.

The banquet is to be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Jaycees Shack. Special honors are to also go to the Valdosta Boys Club Football championship team, said Sirmans. The Bobcats are to be guests of the club.

Sirmans said the annual affair is held for Lions Club members and their sons.

Jones was chosen to the All-American Sporting News team and was all-southeastern Conference player in 1968 and 1969.

He holds the longest punt record, 37 yards, for the University of Georgia where he played college football. He is a native of Louisville, Ga.

On 'Bazemore Day'

TD Club Is Ready To Honor Coach

By Times Staff Writer

Valdosta Touchdown Club plans to have a large group of Georgia's political diplomats to help honor Wright Bazemore at a special program here Thursday have fallen through. But Gov. Jimmy Carter has shown them they're not forgotten.

The governor has proclaimed March 9 as "Wright Bazemore," day in Georgia and urged all citizens to give proper recognition to the man who coached Valdosta's Wildcats for 31 years.

Touchdown Club officials had hoped to have Carter, Lt. Governor Lester Maddox, and a host of state senators and representatives for the program honoring the city school system athletic director at Mathis City Auditorium Thursday.

Public Service Commission chairman Bobby Pafford of Lakeland, Ga., is the only official who has announced he could attend because the state legislature doesn't end its session until Thursday afternoon.

The proclamation, issued by the Georgia Executive Department honors Bazemore for his 31-year career at the helm of the Wildcats which placed him in a position of prominence as one of the nation's most successful high school coaches.

His teams have gone 390-43-6, winning 15 state crowns, and had winning streaks of 40, 37, and 30 games. He was honored eight times as Georgia's Coach of the Year, the National Coach of the Year in 1969, and was the first active member to be inducted into the Georgia Hall of

Fame in 1960, and recently selected as the Hall of Fame coach of the year.

The Touchdown Club usually honors Bazemore and his assistant coaches at the end of the last game. But they decided to wait until later to have one big program when they learned Bazemore was to leave the coaching ranks to devote full time as city school system athletic director.

"We just picked the date March 9 because we really needed to choose a time," said George Smith, newly elected president of the TD clubs. "But now we find that wasn't such a great date because the legislature closes that day and the diplomats we were expecting can't come."

It was also a bad time for the college head coaches from the surrounding universities too, according to Smith, who said all replies to their invitations have been negative.

"The coaches all said they couldn't come but they would be represented," he said.

Meanwhile, John F. Gibson, who played under Bazemore in 1940, and is now pastor of the Wesleyan Drive Baptist Church in Macon is to give the invocation and a short speech about Bazemore.

'Baze Night' Set Tonight

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The man who made Valdosta's Wildcats the most prominent high school football team in the state and possibly the nation is to be honored at "Wright Bazemore Night" tonight at the Mathis city auditorium.

Valdosta Touchdown Club officials expect a large crowd to

fill the auditorium at 8 p.m. when they honor Bazemore on the day the Georgia Legislature has proclaimed his.

Bazemore, who retired after his 'Cats won the 1971 State Class AAA crown for his 15th state title since taking the helm of the team in 1941, produced an overall record of 290 wins, 43 losses and six ties in Valdosta.

He left the coaching ranks this year to devote full time to his position as athletic director for the city school system.

Born in Fitzgerald 55 years ago, the football strategy wizard won 16 letters for sports activities at Fitzgerald High School in football, basketball, track, tennis and baseball.

While playing for Fitzgerald's grid team, he scored 10 touchdowns in two separate games from his running back position.

He took an assistant coach position under the late Bobby Hooks in 1940 when the 'Cats won their first Georgia High School Association State Championship, and took over in 1941. Since that time only one team has finished a season under the .500 mark.

Besides his fantastic football record, Bazemore basketball teams produced a 176-22 overall record and reached the

state-finals five of the six years he coached them. They won the state crown in 1948, and Bazemore was selected region "Coach of the Year" all six years.

In the three years he coached the tennis teams at VHS the 'Cats reached the state finals in 1947, won the state doubles in '51, and the state singles championship in '52.

"We usually honored the coaches on the night of the last football game," past president Bobby Greene said.

"But when we heard he was going to quit coaching we decided to wait and do a little something extra for him this year. "And we think we have it."

Newly elected president George Smith said plans to get a large number of state political figures fell through because the State legislature closes this afternoon.

"But we're expecting a pretty large number of out-of-town guests to be with us tonight," he added.

On Ruth's Mark

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Aaron Hears Both Sides

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. After 18 seasons, it's nice to know I can look forward to such a target, that it's within my reach. It would mean something to the black race.

"I probably would mean something to every kid, black or white but a little more to the black race. It was such a long time before we were accepted into the game. But I hope both blacks and whites are pulling for me.

"Last season I began to get quite a few pieces of mail," Aaron said as he sat nude to the waist in the Atlanta Braves' dressing room. "There wasn't one bad letter from a kid—they're all on my side.

"But there have been some that said I wouldn't have been able to hold Ruth's jacket when he played. They don't even say what color they are, and it's not vicious. They send figures, statistics to me about Ruth, showing what he did.

"I realize," he continued, "that if I ever break his record people may not accept me as being a better hitter than Ruth was. And I realize that he must have been a tremendous hitter. But records are made to be broken.

"I'd be telling a lie if I didn't say I was thinking about it

Aaron discounts the knee as a problem and fully accepts the fact that he will have to deal with the mounting pressure.

"The knee didn't ever get to the point I thought about quitting or anything like that," Aaron explained. "It never bothered me at the plate, although it did bother me in the outfield. Particularly when I had to run across to cut off a ball."

The problem was with Aaron's right knee, in which fluid kept building up. At first it was thought there might be torn cartilage. But it was determined that it was merely a minor strain and that an off-season strengthening program would be all that was required.

"I haven't been having any trouble," Aaron said. "I was on a program lifting weights, a little every day. I worked on it real hard."

As for the pressure created by constant prodding by the press, Aaron says:

"I can sympathize with Roger Maris knowing what he went through when he was trying to break Ruth's record (Ruth's record of 60 homers in a single season).

"Sometimes I want to get away from it—be just another ball player."

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
"Some people seem to think I'm getting old," said Adolph Frederick Rupp Thursday night after his Kentucky Wildcats won their 27th Southeastern Conference basketball championship. "Five straight should convince some I can still get around."

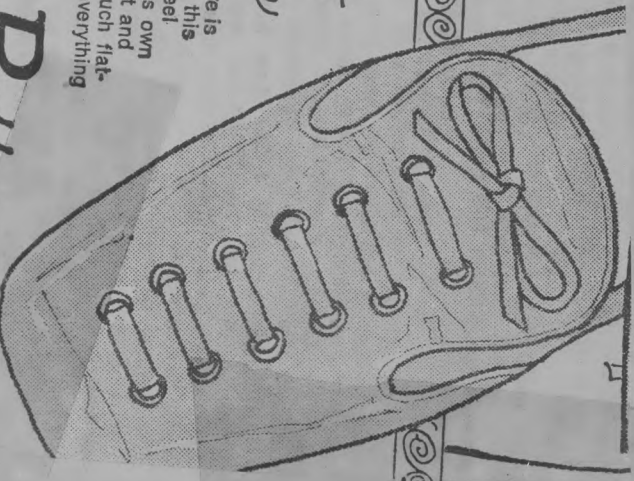
The 71-year-old Barron of Basketball—already one year past the school's mandatory retirement age—claimed his fifth straight title, a co-champion ship with Tennessee, with a pressure-packed 67-66 conquest of the Vols at Knoxville.

The victory earned Kentucky a 20th trip to the NCAA play offs because it swept the season series with Tennessee, which could be bound for the National Invitation Tournament in New

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Elks Scholarship Winners Are Slowik, Miss Flynt

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

A member of the Valdosta High School Marchin' Cats and the president of the Lowndes County 4-H Council are the winners of the scholarship contest sponsored by the Elks Lodge here.

David Slowik of VHS and Sandra Flynt of Lowndes High School are to compete for state honors in the annual scholarship contest later this spring, according to Elks youth activities chairman Dean Mink.

The 17-year-old seniors were selected on the basis of their academic records and extra-curricular activities from about a dozen other entrants at the two high schools here.

The winners of the Elks Leadership Contest are not eligible to participate in the scholarship competition.

Slowik is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Slowik of 724 E. Jane St., while Miss Flynt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flynt of Rte. 2, Hahira.

The two winners have won \$75 cash prizes for taking the top spots in the local event.

Slowik has lived here for eight years. He was accepted for the Governor's Honors Program for 400 of the state's most gifted high school students last summer but could not attend the eight weeks session at Wesleyan College at Macon.

"I had to work," he said. "There just wasn't any way I could go bad as I wanted to."

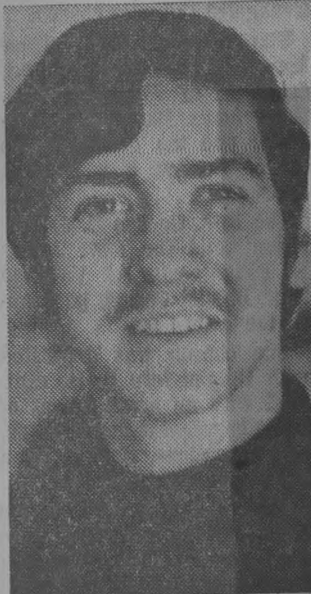
Slowik works part time at the Dairy Queen miniature golf course.

He plays in the marching band and the lab band.

A former carrier for The Val-



SANDRA FLYNT
Lowndes High



DAVID SLOWIK
Winner At VHS

dosta Daily Times, Slowik is a member of the Beta Club and the First Baptist Church.

He has received a Certificate of Merit from the University of Georgia at Athens and has been named to the Society of Outstanding High School Students.

He plans to attend Massey Business College at Jacksonville, Fla., this fall and study to be a computer technician.

"I like working with my hands and really like the technical and electronics aspect of things," said Slowik.

The president of the Lowndes County 4-H Council, Miss Flynt is also president of the Senior Future Homemakers of America chapter at Lowndes High.

She is a member of the Society of Outstanding High School students, the winner of

the 1972 Betty Crocker Home-maker of Tomorrow contest on campus and was treasurer of the Beta Club last year.

She was a finalist in the Hahira Tobacco Ball beauty contest last summer and was the state alternate or first runner-up in the annual Make It With Wool contest.

Miss Flynt builds picture frames for a hobby.

The 1972 Key Club sweetheart, she has been a district 4-H winner in home furnishings and art for the past three years.

She plans to attend the University of Georgia or Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College at Tifton this fall and major in home economics.

"I've always been interested in this field," said Miss Flynt.

"I especially like the hand craft part but I enjoy cooking and sewing, too."

'Bazemore Night' Shows Other Side

Ever since Wright Bazemore announced he was leaving the coaching ranks at Valdosta High School, facts about his unusual achievements have been running rampant through the city.

But another side was presented at the Bazemore Night program here Thursday night when well over 1,000 people from all over the southeast gathered to honor the man who led the Wildcats to their national football fame.



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mobiles (make that eight now), 15 television sets, and a special night."

Ross's first story concerns the day he went out for football under Bazemore.

"He told me I ought to be a guard," Ross said. "He said to pull out and hit the first man who came through the line.

Big Lou Blanton was the first man through and when I hit him he stunted my growth."

The TD Club patriot also recalled the times Bazemore coached the basketball teams and conned him into taking the manager's part.

"He told me a manager took care of the girls whenever they got hurt, so I took the job," Ross mused. "He didn't tell me I had to take a quarter's worth of coal and heat up the showers or else I'd get thrown in them. I got thrown in the first four days."

Once when the six-man team, Bazemore and Ross traveled to Brunswick for a game, the entire eight-some piled into Baze's one-seater sports car.

During the game, two members of the VHS team fouled out and Bazemore told Ross he could play in his underwear or Julian LeFiles' warm-up suit, but he'd have to play.

One More Time

After the "144-45" loss, the team piled back into the car and headed home and Baze looked at Herbert and said, "You know, if it hadn't been for Ross we'd have won that game."

The capper came when the TD Club needed someone to rise up out of a coffin, as a symbolic offering that the 'Cats would rise again during their one losing season in 1963.

Baze called on Ross again and the VHS fan agreed to take the part. But when the time came for him to do his thing at the TD Club meeting, he found the lid to the casket had stuck and had to beat his way out after a 20-minute stay.

Dr. Gibson, the pastor of Wesleyan Drive Baptist Church in Macon, remembers other times, like when Bazemore arrived in town in the one-seater and a "tweed suit . . . with a vest.

"We thought he was some kid that had just moved into town to try out for football," Gibson said. "And you young fellas today can thank us for teaching him how to coach football."

Touchdown Club officials didn't want the affair to sound like a funeral. Speakers Herbert Ross and Frank Gibson came through for them with stories about the "old days" in VHS sports.

Ross, now an executive with the Georgia Power Co. here, first got the laughter rolling.

"We both came to Valdosta High School the same time," he recalled. "I stayed seven years, he stayed 31. For my efforts, I got a broken tooth, a broken shoulder, and a partial plate. He got auto-

Brought The Faith

"If you think practice is tough now you should have been around back then when we went to the National Guard camp on the river. It was really rough then.

"We had a big fight in the 'barracks' and Coach Bazemore had to move in with the boys to help keep order. He bunked between Lou Blanton and the team manager, the two biggest boys in camp, and spent the rest of the week praying another fight wouldn't break out."

Gibson added Bazemore has done more for the state than most Valdostans will ever know.

"I've noticed there are a lot more people professing faith up North now, than there were before they played Bazemore.

"The man's famous for his remarkable ability to take some one with a little talent and make him a star," he continued. "Why the first year here he took a three-year starter at guard and made him an All Southern halfback after two games.

"And he took Julian LeFiles, who was a manager the year before, and made an All-State center out of him. Now I wonder what kind of star I could have been if he had just known what to do with somebody with talent."

'Cats Can Learn From Has Beens

Paul Demersseman gave little brother David a strong insight into the world of Class AAA high school football during the annual Has Been-Will Be game here Friday night.

The first time David, a junior in his first game as quarterback, took to the field, Paul, a 200-pounder playing for the seniors, read the signals perfectly and crashed through the line for a one-man burial on his brother.



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that his charges, who have been going through a full-scale practice program for the past three weeks, didn't do better against the Seniors. The areas his boys did poorly in were the ones he expected.

"We could have passed more and gotten some extra yardage," he said "But we know Stanford (Rome) and (George) Roundtree could catch the ball. We needed to know how we'd do running the ball."

The seniors were a perfect group to practice against. Four long years of training to stop another team's attack paid off when they halted the 'Cats three times inside the five-yard line.

"We're going to have to work on short yardage plays," Green said. "But they knew we were young at defensive ends, cornerbacks and one safety and they hurt us in those spots. But we expected problems there."

But one thing really impressed Wildcat fans. When junior quarterback Bruce Hilton stepped back and fired a 47-yard bomb to Rome, it looked an awful lot like the combo that worked so well last year. And although we haven't talked to David Demersseman, we feel he now shares popular belief that Georgia-bound Paul is one of the top linemen around.

Tom Steadman staffed the Lowndes intra squad game. Here's the way he saw it.

It was typical of the way the seniors were playing. Even though out of shape, and playing positions unfamiliar to them without relief, they still demonstrated the smooth style that made them State Class AAA and National Champions their last year.

Although they lost the game 13-12 to the upcoming group of Wildcats, they still managed to pound out 277 yards in total offense to 180 for the underclassmen, even without ace passer Stanley Bounds, who twisted his knee early in the second stanza.

But rookie coach Charles Green isn't upset

VHS Students Tabbed As 'Outstanding'

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Three Valdosta High School students have been selected as Outstanding Teenagers of America for 1972, according to Lloyd D. Mims, VHS principal.

Stanley Bounds, Robert Orr, Melanie Eanes and Nancy Rogers were cited in the program, automatically qualifying them for further state, regional, and national honors and scholarships totaling \$7,000.

Nominated by their principals, the Outstanding Teenagers of America are chosen from individual schools across the country for excellence in community service and academic achievement. The local students now are to vie for the Outstanding Teenager of the Year Trophy to be presented by Gov. Jimmy Carter.

The state winners are selected by the Outstanding Teenager Awards Selection Com-

mittee, in cooperation with the Board of Advisors.

The 50 state winners are then eligible for awards totaling \$7,000, and one boy and girl are to be then chosen for national scholarships of \$1,000 each to be used at the college or university of their choice.

Ten regional winners are also to be selected from the remaining state winners, and are to receive \$500 regional scholarships.

"These Outstanding Teenagers have the opportunity to become great national leaders and doers," President Richard Nixon said in a congratulatory message to the nominees.

The Outstanding Teenagers of America program was created in 1967 to encourage young people to take full advantage of the opportunities of America.

The awards are presented each spring, and biographies of all those honored are recorded in an annual volume.

Two More Diploma Types Are Being Planned For VHS

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Only one type of diploma is now given to graduates of Valdosta High School. But school officials are studying the possibility of adding two more types which would be awarded after the quarter system is implemented in the fall of 1973.

Principal Lloyd Mims suggested that in addition to the general type diploma now given vocational and college preparatory certificates also be awarded.

Mims said the general type diploma is no longer adequate for all graduates.

The first group to receive one of the three diplomas, if the idea is approved by the Valdosta Board of Education, would be the class of 1974.

The quarter system is to begin in September of 1973 since the new \$4.5 million comprehensive VHS won't open until Jan. 2, 1973.

Mims said there would be three different programs of study from which students could choose. For example, students who receive a vocational diploma would have participated in a prescribed vocational program. The same would be true for the college prep and general studies, he said.

The programs and diplomas would better prepare students

for job or college after graduation, he said.

Mims told school board members at a meeting some students are now graduating with the bare minimum requirements and are receiving a general diploma like their college bound classmates.

"This is bad. Some aren't really prepared for much of anything," he said.

Dr. Glen Herrin, school board member and head of Valdosta State College's accounting department, suggested Mims take

a long look at what is required for graduation and revamp where necessary.

"That's what we intend to do," said Mims.

The curriculum is being revised and new courses added in

the attempt to provide a better education for the students, said the principal.

Mims said teachers will need to be employed during the summer months to complete course descriptions for the quarter system.

Mims said a registrar is needed at his campus this fall to begin coordinating schedules for the quarter system. The principal said the registrar should be the highest paid secretary in the school system.

"It's taking a lot of work to get ready for the move into the

new building and switch to the quarter system," said Mims.

"We need a registrar for this."

Mims said several new courses will be added to the curriculum his fall although the bulk of the new classes won't be offered until the fall of 1973.

Co-educational classes in physical education are to be offered this fall along with health and first aid courses. Music appreciation, a third course in German and the fourth course in French and Spanish are to also be included.

Advanced lab classes in physics and biology are scheduled along with lab chemistry. Afro-American history, journalism II, developmental reading for freshman and basic composition for sophomores are also scheduled.

"The teachers are excited about the work we are doing to get ready for the new high school," said Mims. "They are working with the University of Georgia and VSC consultants in planning the curriculum."

Some of the VHS staff are visiting other school systems to observe team teaching programs and the quarter system.

The high school faculty is meeting 12 additional hours per month with pay for in-service training for the move.

Wildcats Begin Drills With

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Charles Green wasted little time in getting his search underway for a new quarterback to replace all-American Stanley Bounds at the helm of his Valdosta Wildcats.

But the new head coach of the Valdosta high grid team found much more was involved than just finding someone with the ability when Stanford Rome topped everyone else for the position.

Ordinarily, Green would be overwhelmed. But, Rome, though only a rising junior, has already proven himself to be the top pass receiver to come out of southern Georgia by snagging 72 passes for 1,573 yards and 21 touchdowns as a sophomore.

Putting Rome at the position would eliminate his top receiver. But Green isn't getting frantic yet. He expected Rome to look the best at the position

when the 'Cats began their spring football drills here last week. But others are looking good too.

Rome had gained valuable experience at that position during the undefeated 1971 season relieving Bounds, who shattered Region 1-AAA passing and total offense records for two

consecutive years. And the 'Cats still have a host of others ready to fight for the position.

Leading the list is 160-pound junior Bruce Hilton, who also took over during some of the '71 games, and a newcomer, David Demersseman, (165, jr.) who Green says had shown a lot of running talent.

Johnny Sandberry, a 160-pound senior, has also shown a flair for the position, along with rising freshmen Don Holcombe (120, soph.), Gary Williams (150, fr.), and Billy Berrian (170, fr.).

Green feels the VHS defense should be as tough or tougher than it was last season when

it allowed only 137 29 of their own State Class AAA cr "Of course we'll place our defensive Green added. "Ga our only returnee t need to get some for the position."

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"We plan to try see where most ent is," he said. main reason for sp When we start pre at the end of the want to know wha the best where."

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Rebels Meet Colonels in Opener

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta State College e b e l s were to entertain squad of Kentucky Colonels this afternoon, but it's a good bet that coach Tommy Thomas' charges didn't plan to stand around licking their fingers.

Thomas, head VSC diamond boss, was to pit his co-Georgia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference champion Rebs against the Colonels of Eastern Kentucky in a twin-bill at 2 p.m. today at the Rebel diamond across from Valdosta Junior High School.

Valdostan Rusty Simpson was given the nod by Thomas to start the first game with the Rebs, who finished 24-18 last season, giving them the co-title with Shorter College.

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Lowndes High Third

VHS Chapter Wins State DE Award

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta High School Distributive Education Club has won the state Chapter of the Year award while the Lowndes High School DE group placed third in the annual competition.

A VHS junior, Ron Butler, is the new state DE president while a Lowndes High junior, Judy Rogers, is the state secretary.

The two were elected Monday at the annual state DE convention held at Atlanta.

The new officer, chapter and individual honors were presented at an awards banquet Monday night, according to VHS DE coordinator Norman Greene.

For the VHS club, the Chapter of the Year award was especially sweet. It has been two

years since the Valdosta High group brought home the top DE award in the state.

And for the Lowndes High chapter, third place was almost as good as a first, according to coordinator Phil Walden. The Lowndes High club is in its second year of existence.

"To win third out of 100 other chapters in the state in our second year is mighty good in our book," said Walden.

The VHS club won 10 first place awards, five second place citations and one third place honor. Lowndes High won three second places and four third places.

All first place honorees and the state officers are to attend the national DE convention at Los Angeles, Calif., May 1. The winners are to compete with other state winners for national recognition.

Butler, who placed second in the boy of the year contest, is the son of Mrs. C. S. Butler of 1505 Slater Street. He won the reporter of the year contest.

He is a reporter on the "Dosta Outlook," an Eagle Scout and a member of First Methodist Church. He is employed

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minated for secretary and ked to run for that slot instead of the vice presidency, to rich she had previously announced.

The DE club from North Fulton High in Atlanta came in second in the Chapter of the Year contest.

Greene said the competition was the stiffest he's ever seen in the four years he's been

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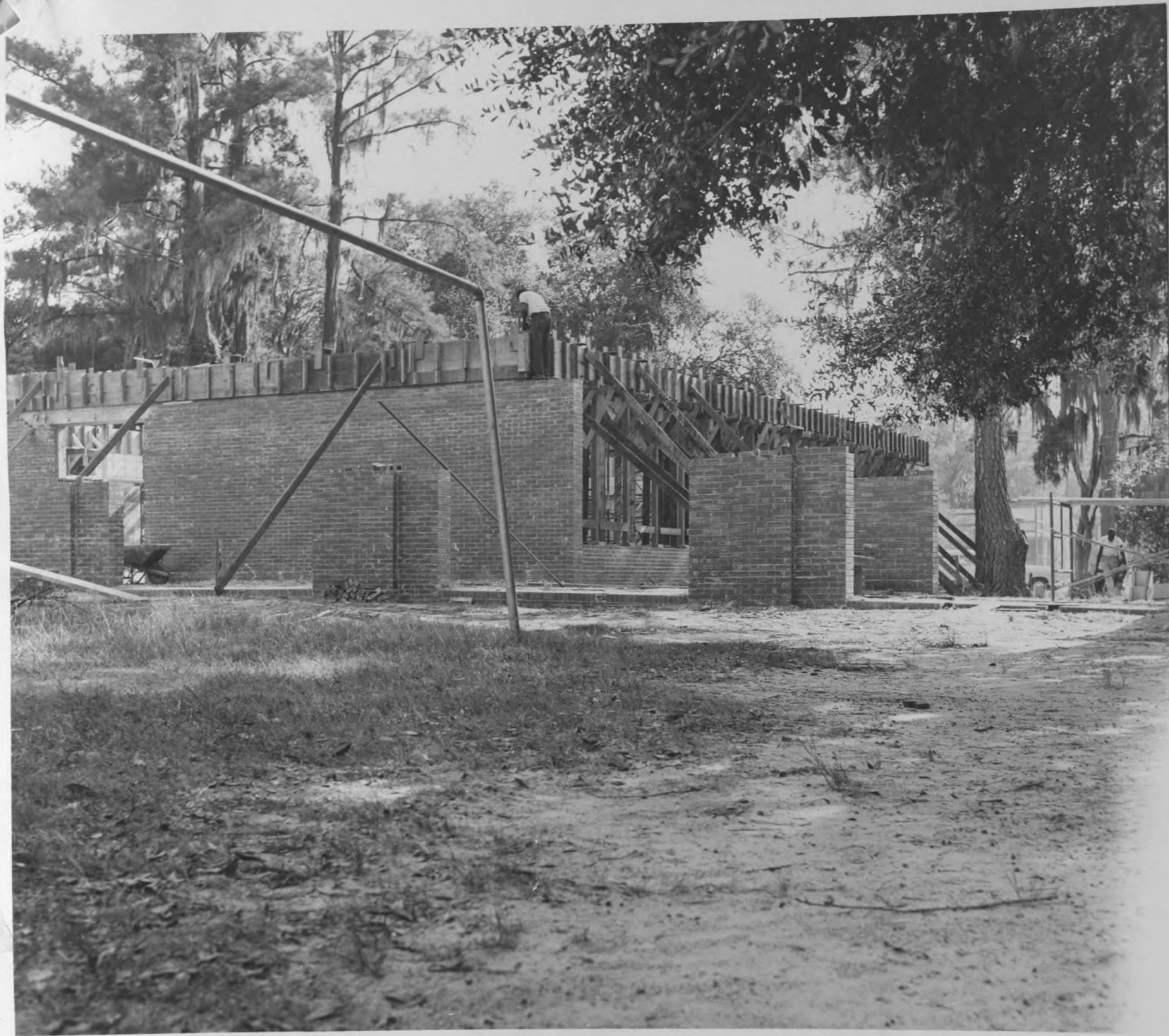
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